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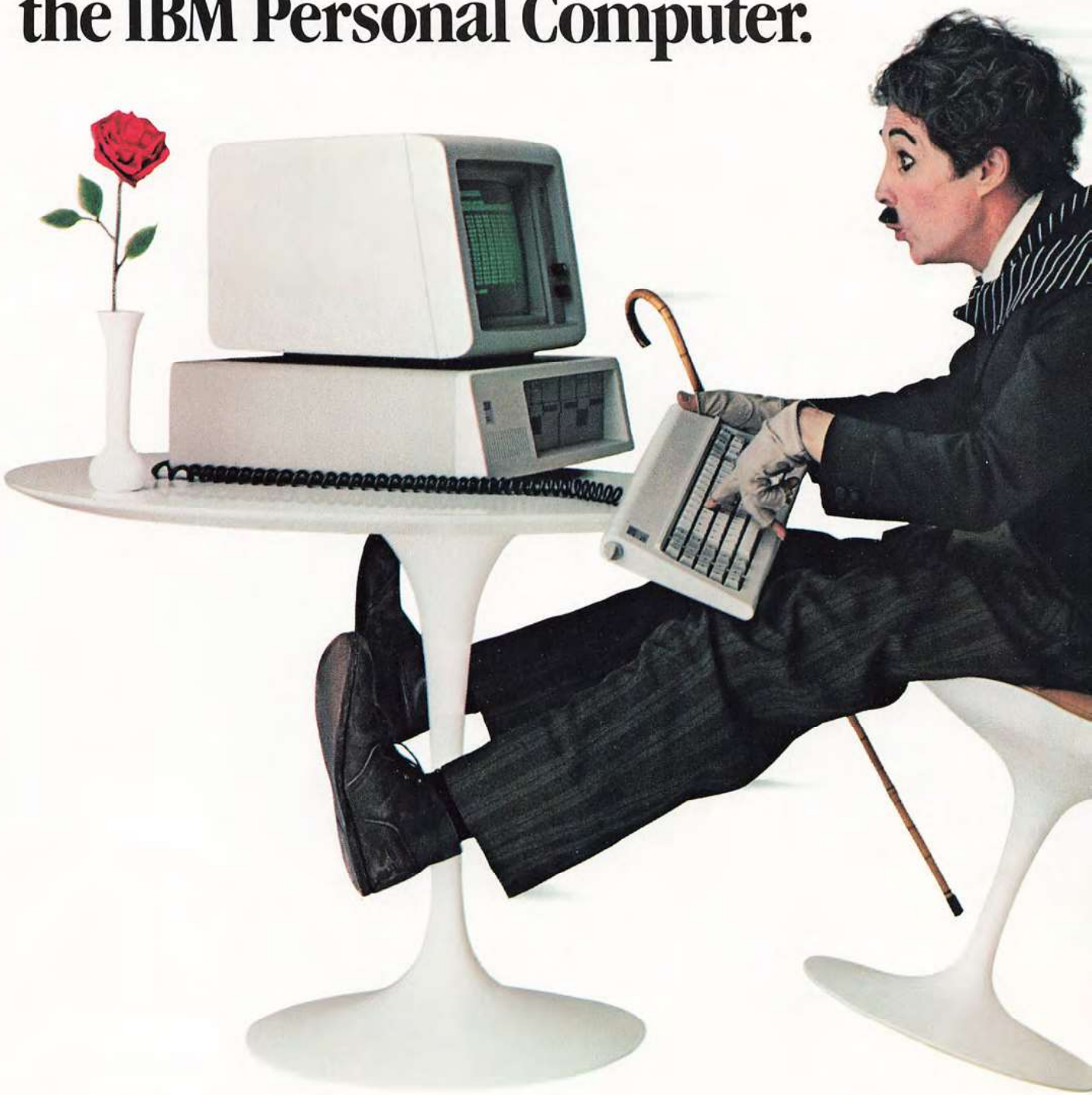

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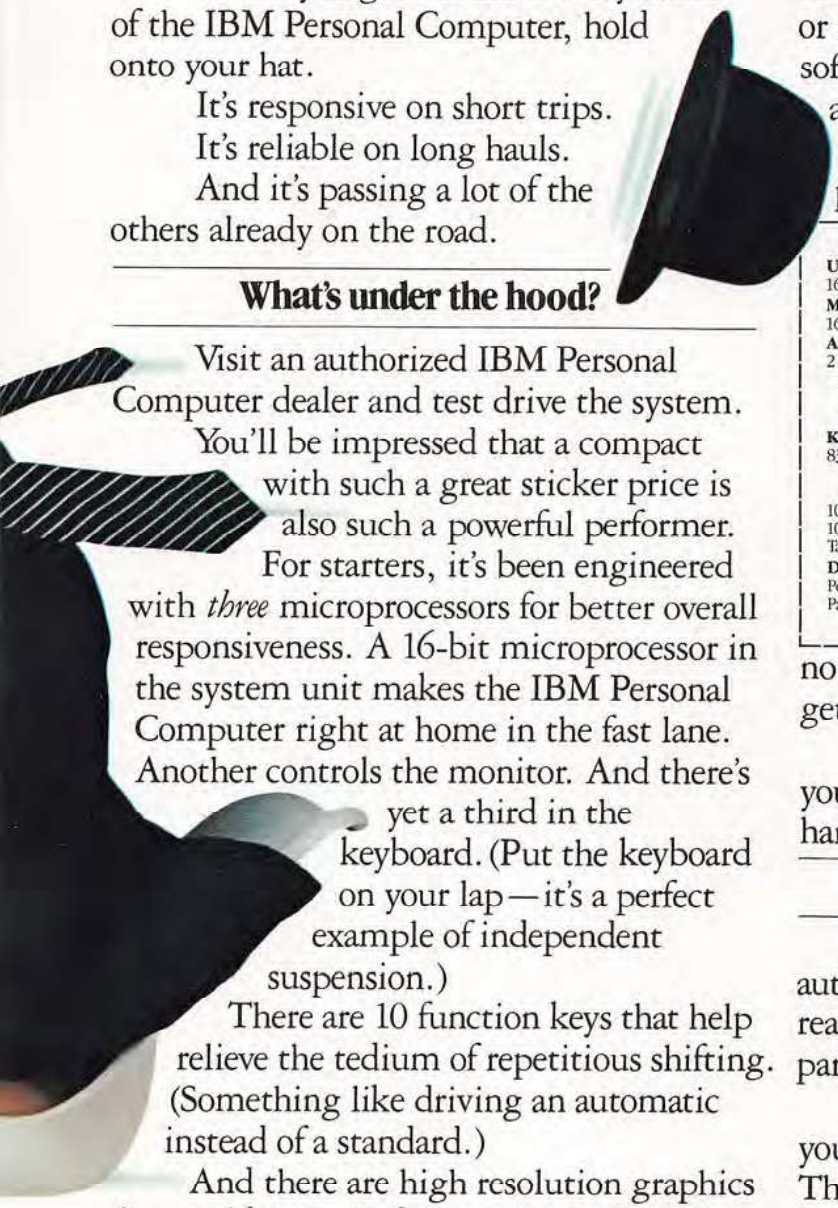

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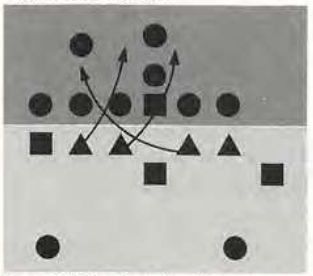

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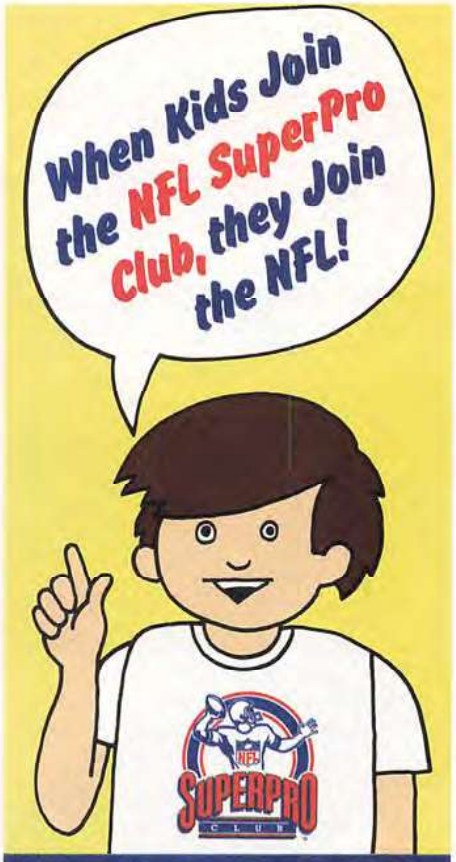

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Jack Craig

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The Super Bowl can be considered a Los Angeles native, in a way, the first game having been played in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on January 15, 1967. That game was quite a bit different than the football and media extravaganzas we've since come to expect. Charles Maher tells why and how in his "Press Box Perspective," which begins on page 27.

Maher, who recently left the *Los Angeles Times* after 17 years to pursue freelance writing full time, says he best remembers the postgame scene in the Green Bay locker room. "It was just a mess in there. In order to get near Max McGee, I had to stand inside his locker. Besides almost being impaled on the clothing hooks, I was trapped inside by the crush of the crowd around McGee. I was lucky in that I intended to do a whole sidebar on Max, who besides Bart Starr, was the game's hero. If I had had any other intentions, I wouldn't have been able to carry them out."

(For more on the heroics of McGee and those of other, less acclaimed but deserving Super Bowl stars, be sure to read "Hidden Heroes" by Larry Eldridge, Jr., beginning on page 32.)

Given the Super Bowl's southern California roots, it's fitting that this year's Super Bowl theme art was created by an Angelino, illustrator Charles White III. One of the top international airbrush artists, White says he worked with NFL Properties creative director David Boss to develop the concept.

"If I had to put a name on the style," says White, "it would be 'Art Deco Theatrical.'"

To compliment the Art Deco look, White selected a 1930s color scheme. "The colors," he says, "work like a pattern to play off the trophy and highlight the romance of the old theater architecture."

John Hall, another Los Angeles native, has seen his share of southern California theatrics. But he especially is fond of those provided by the Los Angeles Rams of the 1950s and their stellar Pro Football Hall of Fame end Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch. In "Crazylegs," beginning on page 53, Hall chronicles the football career of the multi-talented Hirsch, who has been chosen to toss the coin before the kickoff of today's game.

"I was surprised all over again when I looked up Elroy's stats," says Hall, who was with Times-Mirror newspapers for 28 years before going to the *Orange County Register* in 1981.

If Hall was surprised by Hirsch's gridiron achievements, Jack Craig had a few surprises himself while researching his "Super Bowl Scene" column (beginning on page 22) on the rising international interest in the NFL's biggest game.

"I shouldn't be surprised by anything the Japanese do, but I was," says Craig, a media sports columnist for the *Boston Globe* and *The Sporting News*. "I thought of the Super Bowl as a completely American institution. I hadn't guessed at its increasingly global appeal. We know basketball is international. We share hockey with Canada and northern Europe, and baseball with Latin America. But football in Japan? I wasn't totally prepared for the extent of its popularity."

Even though Thomas Croke has been shooting photographs from the New England Patriots' sideline since 1975, the subject of his photo essay for today's game program was completely new to him. Croke was assigned to photograph the making of a Super Bowl ring, step-by-step.

In following the manufacture of the San Francisco 49ers' Super Bowl XVI ring for "The Lore of the Rings," which opens on page 73, Croke was impressed with the individual attention each ring receives. "It was an old world type of production," he says.

Croke also was impressed with the rings themselves. "I wouldn't mind wearing one," he adds, "except I wouldn't be able to lift my hand." ■

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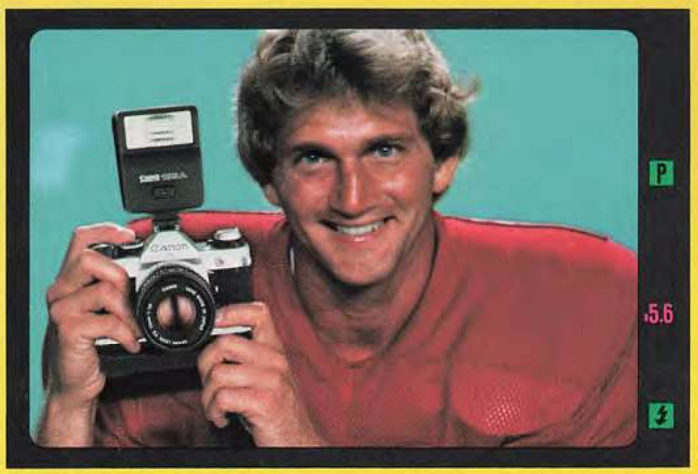

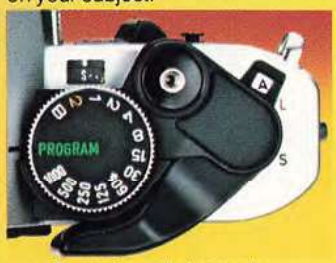

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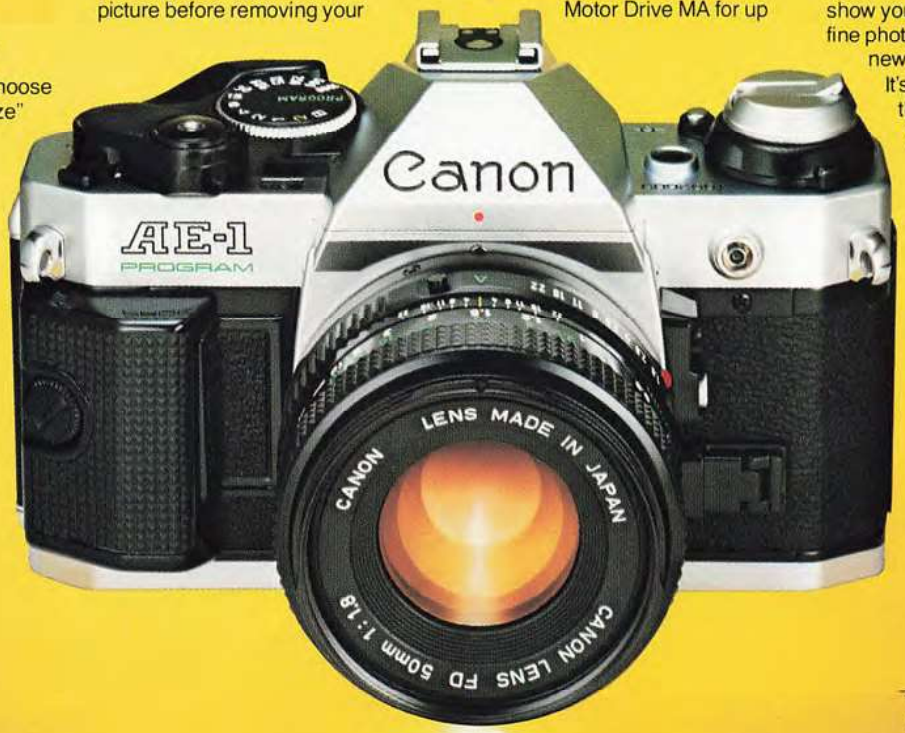

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Game Facts

SUPER BOWL XVII

The Rose Bowl, site of Super Bowl XVII.

At stake—The National Football League championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.
Participants—The champions of the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC) of the NFL.
Date—Sunday, January 30, 1983.
Starting time—3:00 P.M. PST.
Site—Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California.
Capacity—101,603.
Playing surface—Grass.
Players' shares—$36,000 to each member of the winning team and $18,000 to each member of the losing team; in excess of $2.6 million total for the personnel of the competing clubs.
Players' uniforms—The NFC champion will be the home team and use the west bench. The AFC champion will be the visiting team and use the east bench. The NFC champion, as home team, will have the choice of wearing colored or white jerseys.
Television—NBC.
Radio—CBS.
Officials—There will be seven officials—referee, umpire, line judge, head linesman, back judge, side judge, and field judge—and two alternates.
Ball—The football used in all NFL games is a Wilson.
Official time—The scoreboard clock will be official.
Sudden death—If the game is tied at the end of the regulation 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden death overtime. The team scoring first—by safety, field goal, or touchdown—will win. NFL preseason and regular season games have a maximum of one 15-minute overtime period, but in postseason games, play continues by 15-minute periods, with a two-minute intermission between each, until there is a winner.
Trophy—The winning team receives permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, a sterling silver trophy created by Tiffany & Company.
Attendance history—A total of 1,297,022 persons have attended the first 16 Super Bowl games. The largest crowd was 103,985 at Super Bowl XIV, which was played in the Rose Bowl, the site of today's game.
Most valuable players—Super Bowls I and II—Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr; Super Bowl III—New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath; Super Bowl IV—Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson; Super Bowl V—Dallas Cowboys linebacker Chuck Howley; Super Bowl VI—Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach; Super Bowl VII—Miami Dolphins safety Jake Scott; Super Bowl VIII—Miami Dolphins running back Larry Csonka; Super Bowl IX—Pittsburgh Steelers running back Franco Harris; Super Bowl X—Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Lynn Swann; Super Bowl XI—Oakland Raiders wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff; Super Bowl XII—Dallas Cowboys defensive end Harvey Martin and defensive tackle Randy White; Super Bowls XIII and XIV—Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw; Super Bowl XV—Oakland Raiders quarterback Jim Plunkett; Super Bowl XVI—San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana.
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The halftime show, "Kaleido-SUPERscope," should make for audio and visual thrills aplenty. Produced by Robert F. Jani Productions, creators of two previous Super Bowl extravaganzas (XI and XIII), the on-field activity features the Los Angeles Super Drill Team, performing to musical selections arranged by Tom Bahler, who is widely known for his Radio City specials. During the music, the drill team will create special kaleidoscopic effects—12 in all—using 10.6 miles of multicolored fabrics.

Jani's audience participation event at Super Bowl XI is considered the largest show ever, with 98 percent participation.

Audience participation also will be the order of today's show. The more than 100,000 spectators at the Rose Bowl will take part in the halftime finale using special stunt cards provided by United Way of America. The cards will be distributed during the first half.

Memories: Super Bowl XI halftime show finale.

The Best Defense

In accordance with its history of involvement with and concern for the youth of our country, the National Football League recently joined with the White House and the Department of Justice in the formation of a program designed to educate young people about the potential hazards of alcohol and drugs.

The program, "The President's Campaign Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse," will officially be kicked off today with the airing of a television announcement featuring Mrs. Nancy Reagan, the first lady, and NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

This new campaign involves representatives of different professional sports besides football, including golf, baseball, and basketball.

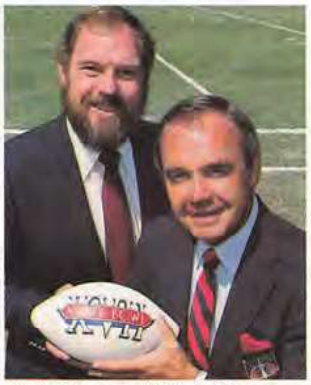
NFL Charities also has donated more than $40,000 to the new program to develop a speakers bureau, which will be made up of pro athletes.

Pregame Highlights

Today's pregame entertainment will spotlight the Los Angeles Unified School District All-City High School Band under the direction of John Deichman, the United States Air Force Color Guard (from Washington, D.C.), the United States Army Gold Knights Parachute Team, and what may be the largest American Flag ever constructed.

Leslie Easterbrook (right), a star of ABC's "Laverne and Shirley," will sing the Star Spangled Banner.

High Tech Telecast



Merlin Olsen and Dick Enberg

Each year the Super Bowl is the most-watched one-day sporting event in the country. This year, NBC is treating Super Bowl XVII like, well, the most-watched sporting event in the country.

The network has assembled a staggering amount of the most highly sophisticated video equipment available. The arsenal for the day includes 20 cameras, 2 of which will be in the air. This year not only will the Goodyear blimp be shooting the game, NBC also will employ a helicopter for additional air coverage.

The other equipment for the game includes 10 tape and replay units; a Sixty-Eighty machine, which can store still pictures from videotape and put as many as six of them on the screen at the same time; a DVE, which can move still or action shots around on the screen; a video compressor to project insets onto the main image; and a character generator for on-air graphics.

NBC will also be using a video writer, which can draw on the instant replay to help fans more quickly locate and better understand the action being discussed. All this technical machinery requires is 150 people—the largest crew ever to work a football game.

The talent in front of the camera is as impressive as the hardware. The pregame show features Len Berman, Mike Adamle, Pete Axthelm, Byron Day, and Bill MacAtee. The game action will be described by play-by-play man Dick Enberg and analyst Merlin Olsen. The director for Super Bowl XVII is Ted Nathanson, the producer is Larry Cirillo, and the replay unit producer is George Finkel.

The game will be carried live by more than 225 television stations in the United States and 24 foreign countries. It also will be broadcast overseas over the American Forces radio network.

Jack Buck

Hank Stram

Super Bowl XVII also will be carried by more than 300 radio stations around the world affiliated with the CBS Radio Network. On radio, Jack Buck will do the play-by-play, Hank Stram the analysis, Dick Stockton the pregame show, and Brent Musberger the halftime analysis

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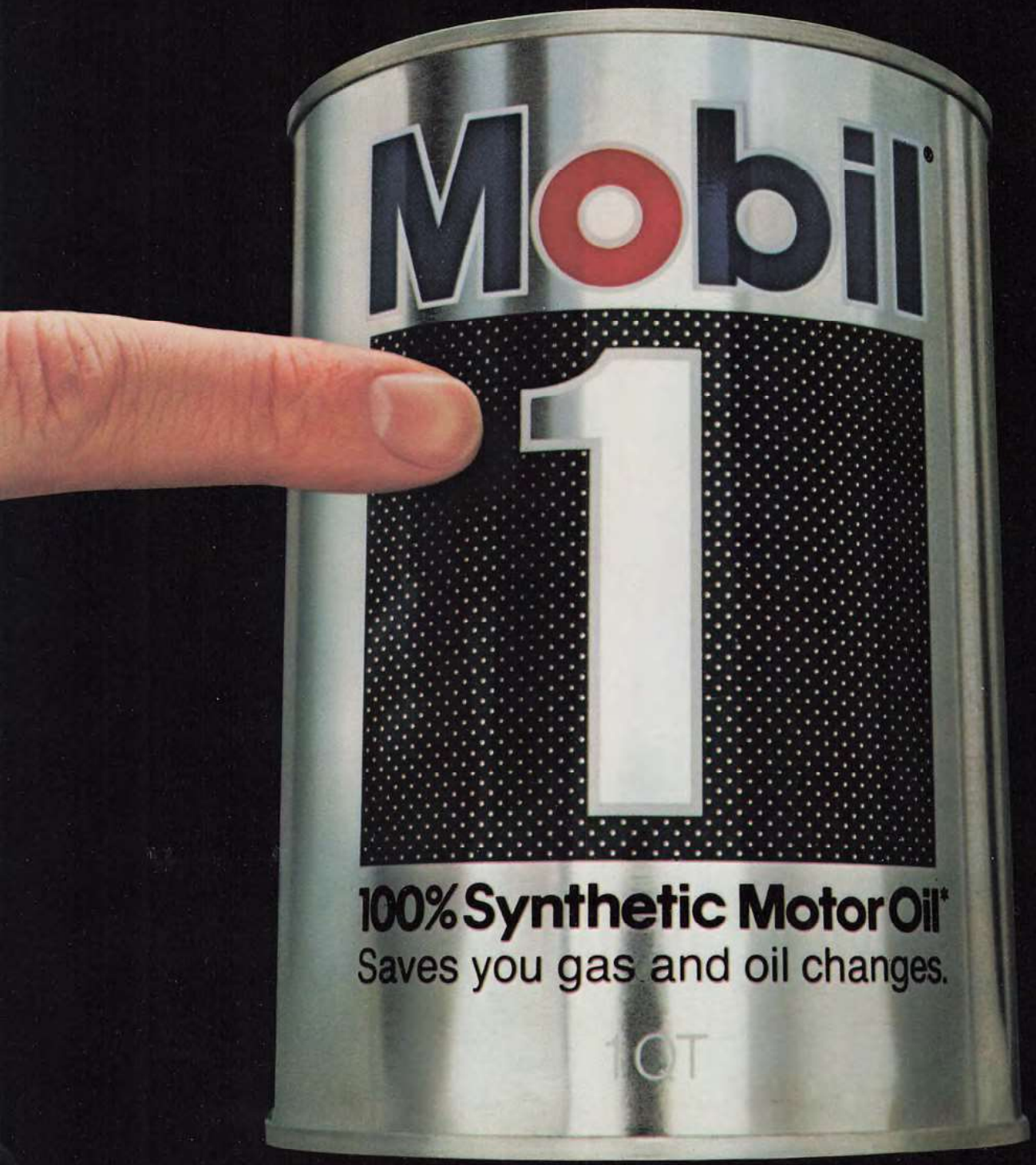

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Insight

IN NAME ONLY by BILL McGRANE

If you were to take a poll, soliciting opinions on the five best active coaches in professional football, chances are strong that three names would appear on nearly every ballot: 1. Bud Grant; 2. Tom Landry; 3. Don Shula.

Taking things a step further, if your poll asked for coaching excellence on a broader level, past as well as present, it is not unreasonable to think that at least some ballots would name: 1. George Allen; 2. Forrest Gregg;. 3 Ray Malavasi; 4. Red Miller; 5. John Rauch; 6. Hank Stram; 7. Dick Vermeil.

There's ammunition aplenty to support both listings.

But these guys also are on another list. In addition to being among the all-time winners, they're all-time losers, too, because they're the losing coaches in the 16 Super Bowl games played up to today.

Bud Grant is the group's leader because Grant's Minnesota Vikings teams have lost in four Super Bowl appearances.

Landry is the second biggest loser in Super Bowl history. Cowboy Tom's teams have gone down to defeat three times (against two victories).

And Don Shula has lost two Super Bowl games, one with the Baltimore Colts and one with the Miami Dolphins. (He's also won two with Miami.)

The balance of the culprits, Allen through Vermeil, have lost only once on Super Sunday.

Forget, for the moment, the won-lost column, and consider the three "repeaters"—Grant, Landry, and Shula.

In the opinion of one who has meandered through this business for the better part of two decades, you won't find three better men anywhere doing anything, period.

They run their own stores, but that doesn't mean they're afraid to spin off responsibility to able assistants. This means they don't have hang-ups. They're comfortable being themselves.

They have the courage of their own convictions. Even in win-machines such as Minnesota, Dallas, and Miami, things don't always go right. . .and when the heat's been on, Grant and Landry and Shula have stuck with their beliefs.

They are pragmatists, which is to say they don't set much stock by hoping things will come out right. They're more at home addressing facts than "ifs." There's a great temptation to tell

Don Weller

yourself, "Now, if our guy at guard plays his best against that all-pro, maybe we'll be all right." Grant, Landry, and Shula look at that same situation and say, "We're overmatched there. We'll lose that one. . . .Let's find someplace else where we can win."

And there's something else these men have in common: despite their enormous successes, they really don't take themselves all that seriously.

Grant is a wry, deliberate, rather private man. His position would permit him to mingle with celebrities, but he's a good deal more comfortable visiting, for example, with the gang at the bowling center in Spooner, Wisconsin, which is where you have to call to leave a message for Bud if he's at his summer place on the lake.

Landry, the public person, is very correct and controlled. If a man could have a whiff of sagebrush while still being called patrician, then that's kind of what Tom is. Beyond the public, with his players, he is a marvelous teacher.

Having outgrown being called a "young genius," Shula has become a more comfortable, mature genius. He's more outgoing than either Grant or Landry, and his emotions are more outwardly visible.

Where Shula may still rage on the sideline when the situation calls for it. . .or exult just as fiercely. . .all three men have the hearts of lions. And despite the game situation—to hell with the fact that they're behind and you're threatening to score again—all three will bite and scrap right to the end, never once thinking you're better than they are.

Never once quitting.

A year ago, Super Bowl XVI was played at the Pontiac Silverdome, and the San Francisco 49ers capped a storybook season by beating the Cincinnati Bengals.

A couple of days before that game, Bill Walsh, the 49ers' head coach, was talking about Super Bowls in general.

"The concentration in these games is far too concerned with winning," Walsh said. "To the point where the loser practically has to skulk out of town. It's terribly unfortunate. . .more, I think, than in any other sport. Not in the World Series . . .not anywhere. . .do we place such a stigma on a team losing.

"If there was one thing about the Super Bowl I could change, that would be it. . .the negative feeling toward a team that played so well and so beautifully just to get here."

One year earlier, Vermeil, the losing coach of Super Bowl XV, expressed similar sentiments when he said, "Anyone who says one loss cannot ruin a season never lost a Super Bowl."

Still, as seasons go, the coaches listed above—Grant, Landry, and Shula in particular—have had more than their share of winning ones. Though they may have lost their balance on the top rung of the ladder once in a while, they never once lost their perspective. ■

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Super Bowl Trivia

NOTES, QUOTES, AND ANECDOTES by TED BROCK AND JIM CAMPBELL

Say That Again?

Cincinnati Bengals running back **Pete Johnson**, on hearing head coach Forrest Gregg's suggestion, late in the week before Super Bowl XVI, that players invent fanciful things to say to the press: "Heck, coach, I've been doing that all week."

English journalist **Matthew Engel**, covering Super Bowl XVI for *The Guardian*: "The enchantingly named Bengals fumbled early, which meant the XLIXers were XX points up in no time....The attempts of the Bengals to get level were thwarted by a 17-stone linebacker with the understated name of Hacksaw who persistently got in their way, giving San Francisco the chance to regain possession."

Called for Encroachment

Jim Tunney

Referee Jim Tunney has had his share of the limelight, whether heading the Super Bowl officiating crew, presiding over a crucial postseason game, or simply booking another regular season national television appearance. During the offseason, he tours the country via the motivational speaking circuit. He makes television commercials. He poses for magazine advertisements. When you turn your program to the page showing officials' signals, you see 30 little photographs of Jim Tunney.

His poise is more than well-documented. Except, that is, in the following story he tells on himself, set just prior to his first Super Bowl assignment (Game VI, Dallas vs. Miami in New Orleans).

Tunney was pacing back and forth, waiting to take the field before 80,000 fans at Tulane Stadium and a huge national television audience.

A young woman walked up to him.

"Excuse me," she said, "are you refereeing today's game?"

"Yes, I am," Tunney said.

"Are you nervous?"

"Me? No, I'm never nervous."

"Really?" the woman said. "Then what are you doing in the ladies' room?"

Early Bird Catches Super Bowl

The 1975 Steelers left a wakeup call.

The importance of preseason play, in terms of victories and defeats, can be, and has been, debated—to little avail.

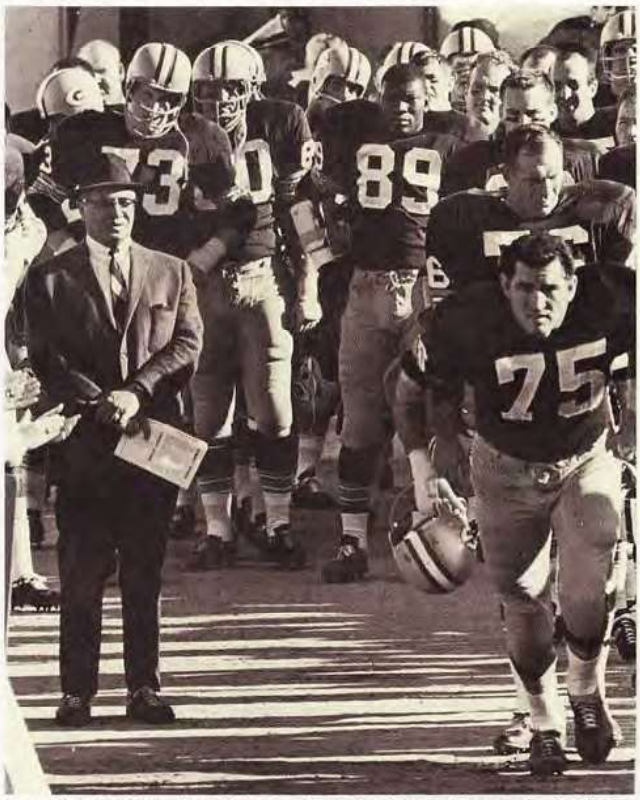
When correlated with Super Bowl championships, however, the preseason form chart reveals an interesting quirk.

Take the 12 most recent Super Bowl winners (Games V through XVI). Of that group, only the 1975 Pittsburgh Steelers had a losing preseason record. The Steelers went 3-4 in preseason, then woke up for a 12-2 regular season record and an eventual victory over Dallas in Super Bowl X.

Trivia Soup

Bill Walsh: wired for victory.

The 49ers' Bill Walsh was the first winning head coach to wear headphones in a Super Bowl game....Among other notable accomplishments, the Pittsburgh Steelers hold the distinction of fielding the only Super Bowl championship team comprised totally of players who never had been with any other club. The Super Bowl XIV champions included 39 players who had been Pittsburgh draftees and six original free agent signees....In Super Bowl XVI, Cincinnati's Forrest Gregg became the first man to have appeared in the game both as a player and a head coach. Gregg appeared in the game three times as a player, twice with Green Bay (Games I and II) and once with Dallas (Game V)....In one of its summer editions, a blind persons' newspaper in Addison, Texas, published an ad offering former Dallas running back Duane Thomas's Super Bowl VI ring for a price of $35,000....The title of "youngest Super Bowl-winning quarterback" changed hands in last year's contest between San Francisco and Cincinnati—by the narrow margin of two days. Counting leap years, 49ers quarterback Joe Montana was exactly 25 years, 144 days old when he led San Francisco to a 26-21 victory, earning the most valuable player award. Montana took the "youngest" title from another Joe who also happens to hail from western Pennsylvania. Joe Namath was 25 years, 146 days old when he quarterbacked the New York Jets to a 16-7 upset victory over Baltimore in Super Bowl III.



Legend and prodigy: Vince Lombardi watches Forrest Gregg take the field.

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Super Bowl Scene

FOOTBALLS ACROSS THE SEA: THE SUPER BOWL VIA SATELLITE by JACK CRAIG

Football is primarily an American sport. Yet, the sheer extravagance of its premier game, the Super Bowl, coupled with the technical revolution in television and satellite communications, have become the catalysts for giving the NFL international appeal. In Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and even the troubled Middle East, folks are tuning in the exciting gridiron action.

Perhaps the most interest among foreign countries in American pro football exists in Japan. There they see an NFL game of the week as well as a weekly NFL highlight film during the regular season.

Japanese announcers describe the action, using two special audio tapes. One of the tapes contains the actual crowd noises, the remarks of the referee, and the public address system at the game. The other is used by the Japanese announcers to describe the play. The American commercials are omitted, including those of Japanese automakers. (The Japanese sell their own advertising for the taped telecasts.)

Halftime shows are not shown in Japan, as they are in other international taped telecasts of the NFL games. While knowledge of American football is on the upswing, marching bands and other halftime traditions apparently remain of negligible interest to some foreign audiences. The 20-minute halftime break also would consume air time, as valuable to networks in other countries as in America.

The Super Bowl telecast is shown live in Japan each year, and its audience must be as dedicated to the game as any die-hard Bengals or Giants fans in America; a 4 P.M. kickoff in the eastern United States means a 4 A.M. kickoff in the Orient. The telecast, however, also is later shown on tape at a more generous hour.

In Great Britain, an interesting phenomenon has developed, thanks to an imaginative London promoter who arranged for live closed circuit coverage of Super Bowl XVI last January in two of the city's theatres.

Jarvis Astaire purchased the rights to television coverage from TransWorld, Incorporated, the international television distribution representative of the NFL. He made a gallant effort to capture the atmosphere of a game an ocean away by providing cheerleaders dressed in the attire and colors of the competing teams, selling hot dogs and popcorn, and even arranging for security personnel to wear uniforms typical of American police officers.

The two theatres were sold out at prices ranging from $20 to $30 and, in a classic American development, scalpers ended up doubling their money when some U.S. expatriates arrived to purchase tickets.

Astaire's idea was so well-received that he planned to continue the closed circuit coverage despite the fact that future Super Bowls seem very likely to be carried live on home television in Britain on the ITV Network (a new independent British television venture that began operation in November).

The closed circuit approach also was tried in Paris last January with similar smashing financial results for the promoters, who reportedly got an instant sellout thanks to American expatriates abroad.

The Super Bowl and NFL football appear abroad in print as well as in the electronic media. In Japan, for example, there is a monthly football magazine, Touchdown *(above), which featured exhaustive coverage of Super Bowl XVI and an interview with the game's MVP, Joseph C. Montana.*

In Italy, the telecast of the Super Bowl includes a native announcer who is a superstar in his own right. Rino Tommassi's personality projects itself onto the sports events he covers (most often tennis). It is said that a sports junkie's experience is incomplete until he has heard Tommassi describe a Super Bowl touchdown. Tommassi even has a native American color announcer, Guido Bagatta, for the live description of the Super Bowl beamed back to the audience in Italy.

Germany historically has had the widest live television coverage of the Super Bowl because of the large contingent of American military personnel on assignment with NATO. The U.S. military has its own transmission equipment to pick up the telecast and for years the game has been pirated by clubs and other entertainment spots in the country.

When the American hostages were released from Iran in January, 1981, many of them watched the Super Bowl in Wiesbaden, Germany, where they stopped *en route* to America.

In recent years, several Middle Eastern countries have carried an NFL regular season game on a taped delay basis, as well as the playoff games and the Super Bowl. The telecasts are inspired in part by interest from the large number of American citizens working there in the oil industry.

Latin America is more noted for its baseball interest, but the NFL's showcase even has penetrated the airwaves there. Mexico, Venezuela, Panama, and Colombia, among others, import pro football telecasts. Play-by-play is handled in a practical, inexpensive manner. Spanish announcers sit in a studio in each country and describe the action over the lowered voices of the American broadcasters.

Australia has many unique aspects to its Super Bowl telecasts. There, the game is carried live on TCN-9, the na-

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tion's largest network, but because of the international dateline, Super Sunday becomes a very early Super *Monday*.

This year's coverage down under will be beamed over TCN-9's new American satellite hookup, which is the first permanent, 24-hour, seven-day satellite link between the United States and a foreign country. The broadcast signal initially will be sent to the network's Hollywood facility. It then will be relayed via the Pacific satellite to Sydney, where the picture will be converted from American to Australian line standard before transmission throughout the country.

As in other overseas telecasts, TCN-9 cuts away from the American broadcast during station breaks and commercials. But the station uses the time for more than insertion of local advertising. "When we cut away from the U.S. networks," says Russell Watkins, a TCN-9 representative, "we go back to our anchor in Australia who has an American announcer in the studio with him. The game's play-by-play is fairly technical, and we use the American to interpret play and rules for Australian viewers."

Another interesting twist to the TCN-9 Super Bowl telecast is that the seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere; January is the middle of summer in Australia.

"While people were freezing in Detroit last year," Watkins says, "I was watching the game on Australia's sunshine coast in ninety-five-degree temperatures. The coverage and picture were absolutely marvelous. But the American broadcast team kept referring to things such as wind-chill factor and the people down there had no idea what they were talking about."

Then there is Thailand, a nation that imports a grab bag of American television shows, sports and otherwise. Thai TV carries an NFL game of the week during the season, usually about six weeks in arrears of the actual contest. But with no newspaper reports to make the distinction, the NFL season merely starts and finishes later in Thailand.

Brunei in Southeast Asia qualifies as the most obscure nation in the world that imports the Super Bowl.

Why in Brunei?

"We don't really ask them, but people talk about the Super Bowl around the world," says Jim Bukata of Trans-World International, perhaps the most informed person in North America on the spread of the Super Bowl to foreign lands.

Still, what is compelling about a game whose makeup and tradition is strange to its audience?

"After all, the United States is important to them," Bukata says, "so a sports event so important to us interests them."

CBS Sports

Phyllis George interviews Japanese network representatives at Super Bowl XVI.

Who watches in these faraway lands?

Bukata says it is generally difficult to measure, but in London the audience for the closed circuit telecasts is comprised of about 60 percent Americans. The fact that the other 40 percent are comparative strangers to the game but are willing to pay such high ticket prices (by British standards) is indicative of interest.

In the foreign telecasts that are beamed into homes, no demographics on the percentage of Americans watching is possible, just as no really authentic survey on nationality can be obtained in this country by Nielsen ratings.

Can American football be transferred to foreign countries, based on its increasing exposure on television?

"Well, soccer has not taken over very quickly in this country," Bukata noted. "It takes time."

But the export of pro football via television, the Super Bowl in particular, has produced a byproduct that is becoming more and more obvious to visitors to those countries, says Bukata. "You now see people wearing Cowboys or 49ers jerseys and so much more insignia of the various teams," he says.

"I think the bright colors of the teams are eye-catching to a lot of these people," Bukata says. He cites the international television festival held every spring in Cannes, France, site of the annual film festival. There, he says, among all of the exhibits displayed, the one showing football seems to command a lot of attention.

Bob Carey, president of NFL Properties (the licensing and publishing arm of the NFL that assigns substantial portions of it revenues to NFL Charities), agrees that sales of NFL merchandise are keyed to display of the games on television in foreign countries.

Proof of that was that the first sizable foreign cash flow into NFL Properties came from Mexico after CBS began sending Dallas Cowboys games into Mexico City in 1970. In recent years, NBC and ABC have joined CBS in piping their NFL telecasts through most of Mexico.

But there has been a unique advantage in merchandising the NFL in Mexico beyond the fact that much of the country receives as much television coverage as fans in Los Angeles or Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Mexicans have understood and appreciated the games for decades, sharing a common border with Texas, where football is king; Mexican youngsters grow up playing football.

The same advantages exist for NFL Properties in Canada, where American television coverage also penetrates most of the country. Thousands of Canadians living within proximity of Detroit and Buffalo, for example, even are season ticket holders of the Lions and Bills.

But all of the foreign telecasts of the Super Bowl and the merchandising that flows from it emerges because the game is such a spectacle in this country. And that is a success story unparalleled in sports. ■

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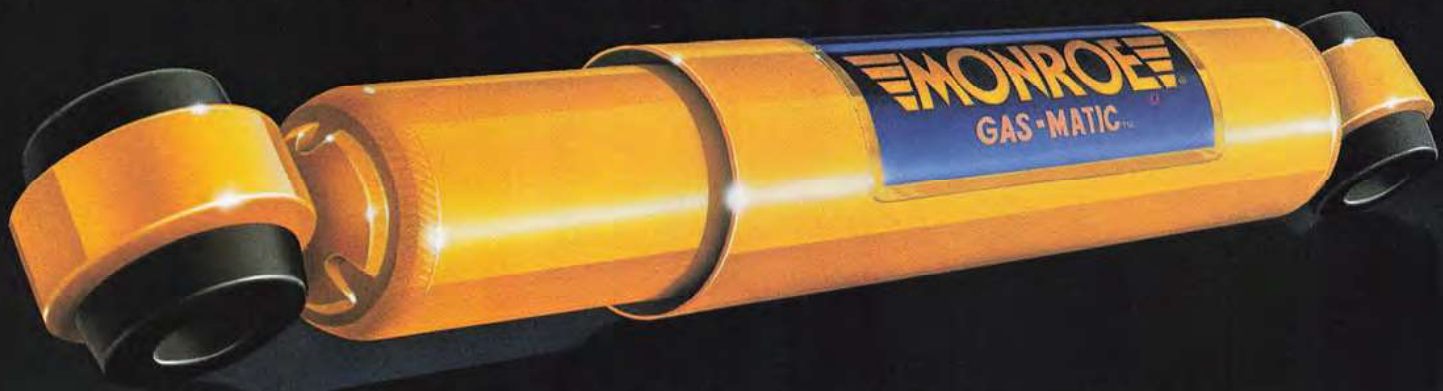

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Press Box Perspective

THE SUPER BOWL WASN'T EVER THUS by CHARLES MAHER

In the very first Super Bowl program (it was then called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game), my colleague Bob Oates wrote: "The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum seats 95,000 people, but ten years from this historic date an estimated 273,541 Americans will say, 'I was there.' "

Well, I'm not altogether sure about Oates, but I was there. And, for the record, his estimate of the number of persons who would swear 10 years later to have been there with me was extravagantly high. He was off not just by a few people, but by thousands.

We took our seats at the Coliseum that day, January 15, 1967, to watch the unmasking of a mystery we had come to regard as one of almost imponderable dimensions. What would happen on the opening kickoff? When NFL and AFL bodies first collided, would the AFL players turn to frogs? Or, even more surprisingly, to demons? It was as though we awaited a match not between teams from two different leagues but two different planets.

The level of anticipation was, in retrospect, out of all proportion. But it was fun. I've never gone to a sports event with a keener sense of curiosity.

It was a curiosity born of a seven-year war between the NFL, whose quality was unquestioned, and its ambitious young rival, whose prospects had seemed so doubtful in the early going that Wayne Valley of the Oakland Raiders had described himself and other AFL owners as "The Foolish Club." Contrary to the expectations of many, however, Valley and his fellow fools didn't lose millions. Instead, they fooled millions, not only managing to survive, but eventually becoming a going enterprise, and finally exchanging sacred merger vows with the NFL.

Still, in January, 1967, there were those who held to the view that allowing an AFL team to appear in the presence of a team from the older and more renowned league verged on the sacrilegious. For one thing, as Dallas writer Steve Perkins put it in a typically incisive analysis, "The AFL has funny uniforms."

What made Super Bowl I such a fascinating event, of course, was that the long war had lacked what any respectable war must have: blood. Fans of opposite allegiance had fought endlessly in debate. Journalists covering the two leagues had fought sporadically in print. The NFL and AFL had fought furiously over college players. The only thing the two sides hadn't fought over was a football.

Charles Aqua Viva

The historic meeting between the NFL and AFL for Super Bowl I in Los Angeles.

Now that protracted oversight was about to be corrected by the Packers and Chiefs. Green Bay, under the command of the legendary Vince Lombardi, hadn't lost a game since early November. Kansas City, coached by the artful architect of a thousand formations, Hank Stram, hadn't been beaten since mid-October.

Thirteen days before the game, the Packers opened as eight-point favorites in New York. The next day, football actuaries in Reno announced what would be the final line: Green Bay by 13.

The game was a constant conversation piece from the time the Packers and Chiefs won their league titles until they met two weeks later. In Los Angeles, however, much of the conversation was not about how people viewed the game, but about how they apparently wouldn't get to view it. Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the soon-to-be-merged leagues, had announced the game would not be shown on television in the Los Angeles area. One reason was uncertainty over ticket sales. While Los Angeles was fascinated by the approaching confrontation, the fascination was not so consuming as to make it imperative for every able-bodied person in the region to drop everything else in a desperate effort to arrange for a first-hand view of the proceedings. The Super Bowl was still an unborn tradition and was to be a game between out-of-town teams. Moreover, top tickets were $12, which at the time (one recalls while brushing away a tear), would buy nearly two tanks of gas.

The short of it is that Los Angeles managed to hold its applause when the blackout was announced. In fact, some fans, politicians, and journalists were, to draw upon the diplomatic idiom, displeased. One stockbroker, reacting to the blackout decree with the same composure he might have displayed on news of a Wall Street crash, filed suit in Los Angeles federal court, demanding that the blackout be enjoined. In addition to the two leagues, CBS and NBC were named defendants. Both were to televise the game, making for a bit of television trivia and history in the process.

Meanwhile, in Grand Prairie, Texas, John McNeff was doing his darndest to spare Los Angeles television viewers from the unthinkable. McNeff placed an ad in a Los Angeles paper, offering to sell instructions for making special Super Bowl television antennas out of broomsticks and coathangers. The antennas were to pull in television signals from San Diego, where the game would not be blacked out. The instructions sold for $2. Money back if not satisfied.

(McNeff, then a medical student and now a family practitioner in Grand Prair-

ie, recalled recently that he sold hundreds of sets of instructions to fans in the Los Angeles area. The antenna had been designed by a Texas Instruments engineer, he said, and its original purpose had been to enable football fans in the Dallas area to pick up an out-of-town station so they could watch blacked-out Cowboys home games. Atmospheric conditions had to be just so for the antenna to deliver, but McNeff said he received no demands for refunds from his Los Angeles buyers. "The only thing I don't know," he said, "is how many people fell off their roofs trying to put up the damn things.")

Notwithstanding the availability of the low-technology McNeff antenna, discontent over the blackout continued to run high. The lawsuit filed by the stockbroker was dismissed nine days before the game. But football officials said it had already done considerable damage, raising hopes that the blackout would be lifted and hurting early ticket sales. (Late ticket sales weren't all that brisk, either.)

The two great powers had meanwhile moved their forces to the West Coast, the Packers working out in media-isolated Santa Barbara and the Chiefs in Long Beach. Kansas City's number-one receiver, Otis Taylor, was a little late. He missed the plane in Kansas City. Someone remarked it was about the only thing he had failed to catch all season.

But Taylor invited less attention than Kansas City defensive back Fred (The Hammer) Williamson, who had declared: "I'm going to wipe out the Packers with my hammer."

In this arguably uncordial utterance, Williamson had referred to a technique by which he sought to use a heavily taped forearm to disable enemy operatives infiltrating his sector of the playing field. One story was that Williamson was merely testing his dramatic skills (later to be exploited more fully in a successful acting career) to see if he could pump up some of his less confident teammates. Whatever his purpose, the threat created more concern than confidence among the Chiefs, perhaps because they regarded Green Bay as an adversary best left unaroused. But the Hammer kept pounding away on his apocalyptic theme.

And journalists, now gathered in southern California from all points of the compass, kept pounding away on their typewriters. Many weighty matters had come to their attention. There was, for example, the question of what style of uniform would be worn by those officiating the game. NFL officals wore traditional attire, including black-and-white striped shirts, while AFL officals wore shirts with peppermint stripes. As might have been expected, the AFL lost its shirts. Super Bowl officials were to appear in specially created outfits, not exactly like those of the NFL, but with black-and-white stripes on the shirts.

Tony Tomsic

Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson is engulfed by Willie Davis (87) and Henry Jordan.

"Still unresolved," said a story in the *Los Angeles Times*, "is the question of whether the Super Bowl referee and his five assistants will be known simply as officials or as Superficials."

Then there was the even more ponderous question of which football would be used in the game. The NFL ball was slightly more rounded than the AFL ball in the area between the laces and the tip. After appropriately thorough deliberation, a Solomonic solution was announced: The NFL ball would be used while the Packers were on offense, the AFL ball while the Chiefs were thus engaged.

In the regular season, each team had moved its brand of football exceedingly well. The Packers had gone 12-2 and had won the NFL championship on New Year's Day by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 34-27 in one of the classic games of the period. The Chiefs were 11-2-1 and had won the AFL title the same day by defeating the Buffalo Bills 31-7 in a more pedestrian engagement. But the two matches were alike in at least one respect. An end-zone pass interception assisted each of the winners at a time when the other team was closing in.

In Buffalo, the Bills were trailing only 14-7 late in the first half and were on the Kansas City 10 when Jack Kemp aimed a pass at Elbert Dubenion in the end zone. Kemp connected instead with Johnny Robinson, who happened to be employed by the Chiefs and who ran the ball back 72 yards, denying the Bills a halftime tie and setting up a field goal that extended the Kansas City lead to 10 points. And that was the name of that song.

(The Hammer, by the way, was knocked out in a second-quarter collision. His explanation: "The ferociousness of my tackle momentarily stunned me.")

Later that same day, at an even more critical point, the Cowboys shot themselves in the foot while driving for a tie with the Packers. With less than a minute to play, Dallas was on the Green Bay 2. On fourth down, Don Meredith faded back to pass and spotted an open receiver. Unfortunately, a Packers safety also was open in the end zone and made the catch to finish the Cowboys' afternoon.

In fairness to Meredith, it should be observed that the fourth-down pass might have been unnecessary had calamity not befallen the Cowboys earlier in the same series. On third down, they were on the Green Bay 1. Then, one of their linemen, Jim Boeke, was caught offside and they lost five yards, only four of which proved retrievable.

Victory-crazed Packers fans soon began tearing down the goal posts at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Nothing unusual about that, except that the game was played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Kemp was one of hundreds of football personalities in Los Angeles for

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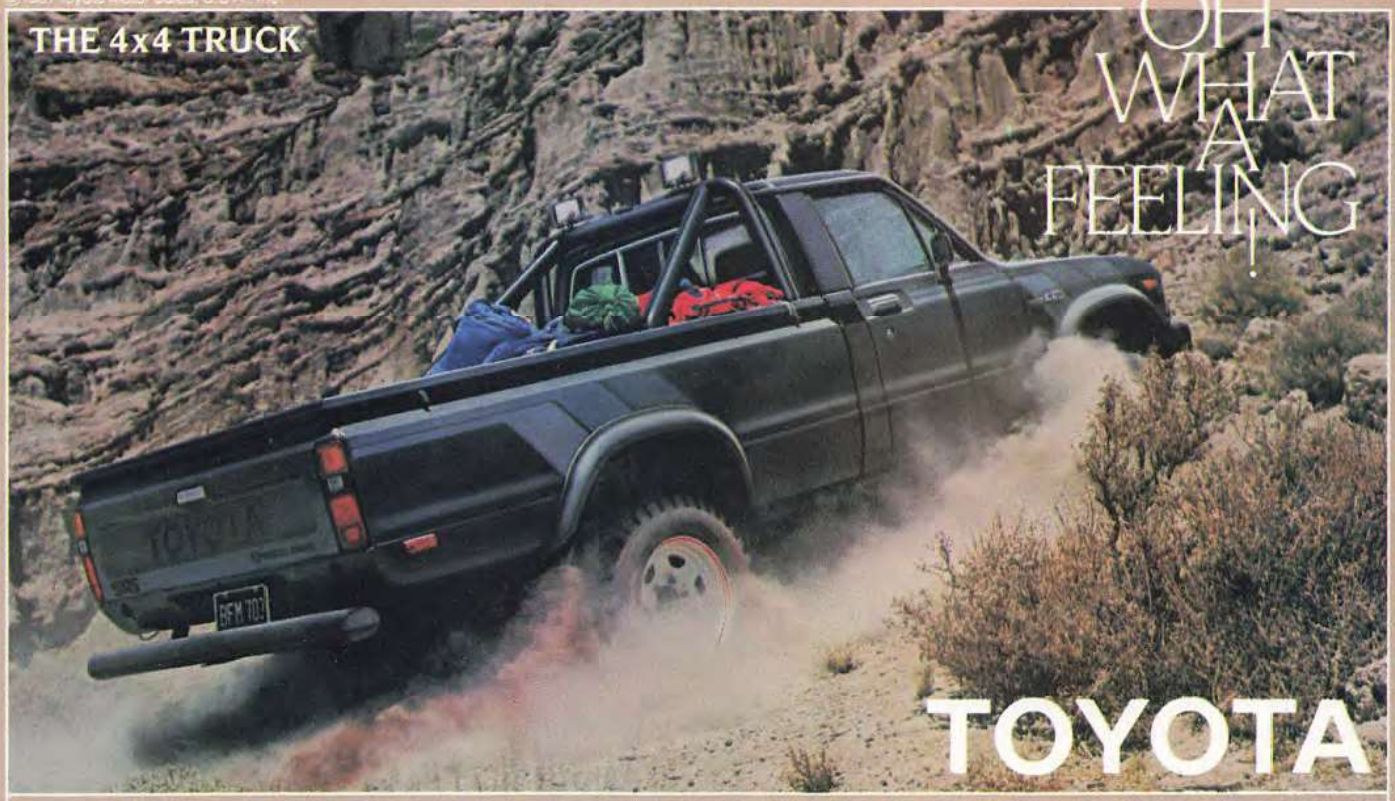

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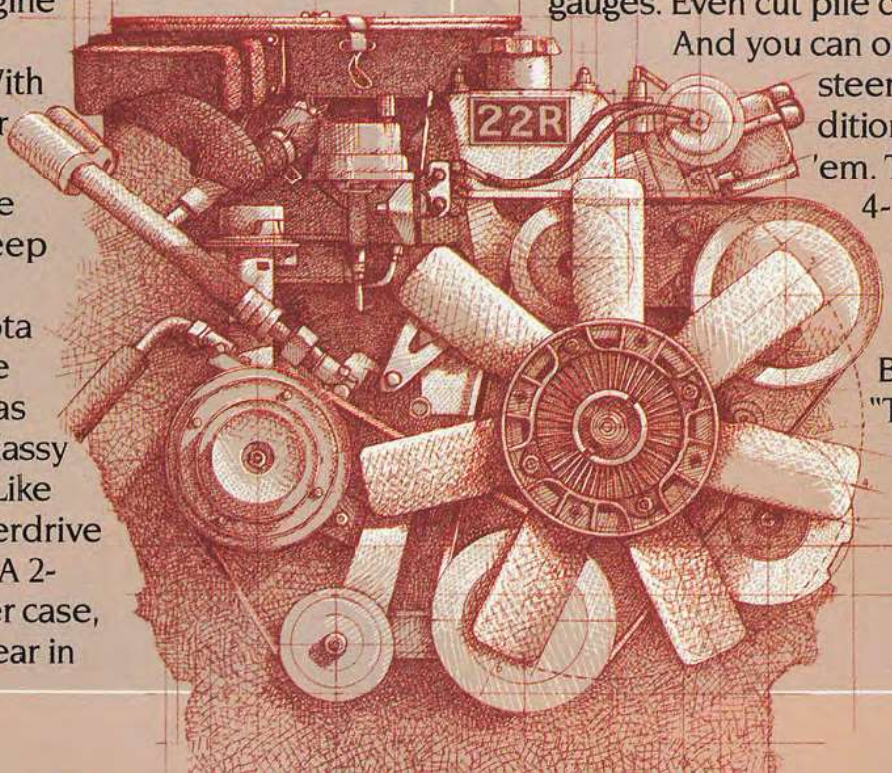

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that first Super Bowl. But not everybody who was anybody was there. In fact, a good many people failed to appear. Paid attendance was only 61,946. Not that the game went unnoticed. An estimated 50 million watched on television. But there were some 34,000 empty seats at the Coliseum.

For some symbolic purpose that has since been forgotten, 4,000 pigeons were brought to the stadium and released before the opening kickoff. The way E.J. Holub tells it, however, the stadium actually harbored 4,040 creatures who felt like pigeons. Among them were Holub, the Kansas City center, and his 39 teammates. In one of those now-it-can-be-told items, Holub was reported last July to have confessed:

"We were scared to death. We had the feeling we were going to go out there and the Packers were going to tear our heads off. Guys in the tunnel were throwing up and wetting their pants. It was a very emotional thing."

A Super Bowl remembrance piece printed several years ago included a somewhat similar story, attributed to Frank Gifford. He was on the CBS broadcast crew at the first Super Bowl and was assigned to interview each of the head coaches before the kickoff. Lombardi did not seem eager to take part, Gifford said, and:

"When we finally went on—this was incredible—during the five minutes or so we talked, he held on to me and he was shaking like a leaf."

Anyway, neither Lombardi nor the Chiefs ducked out on the game. And a good game it was—for the first half, at the end of which Green Bay led 14-10.

Then, on the fourth play from scrimmage in the third period, Kansas City's Len Dawson rolled out to throw from midfield and, like Kemp and Meredith two weeks before, delivered a ball to the wrong address. Dawson, disconcerted by a heavy blitz, was trying to reach Fred Arbanas cutting toward the sideline. Instead, he reached Willie Wood, the estimable Green Bay safety, who conveyed the ball 50 yards in the opposite direction to the Kansas City 5. The Packers scored on the next play and, as Meredith would have put it, the party had arrived at its dénouement. The final score was 35-10.

Like a thousand quarterbacks before and since, Dawson said after the game that he should have thrown the ball away. The consensus, however, was that his error was not decisive. If the Packers hadn't made the big play then, they would have made it by and by.

"The Chiefs are a good team," Lombardi said, "but they don't compare with the top teams in the NFL. Dallas is a better team. That's what you wanted me to say, isn't it? Now I've said it."

Few strenuously disputed Lombardi's finding. The AFL was still a couple of years away.

And what of Williamson, the Homeric Hammer? Did he make good his threats?

Sort of. He got knocked cold late in the game. By one account, his lights were extinguished when he made a diving tackle. Characteristically, he was grinning when questioned later in the dressing room. "I don't remember anything," he said. "Did I make the tackle?"

By another acount, Williamson was rendered unconscious when fallen upon by Donny Anderson, the young running back Green Bay had signed to a lucrative contract before the 1966 season. Said Packers guard Fuzzy Thurston: "Donny must have hit him in the head with his wallet." ■

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Hidden Heroes

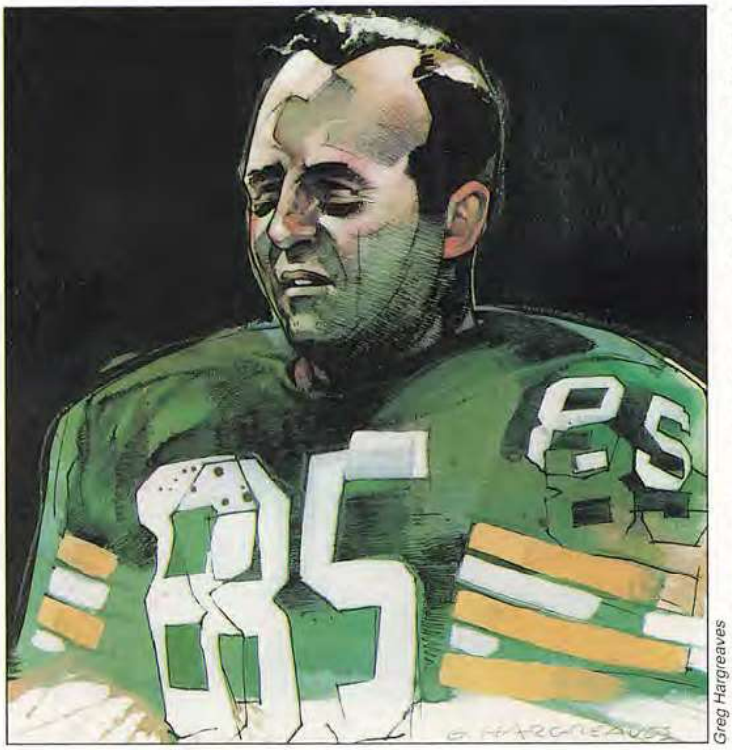
Heralding Some Unheralded Super Bowl Superstars

By Larry Eldridge, Jr.

A most valuable player has been recognized at all 16 Super Bowls. There have been some obvious selections; some were not so obvious. There have been popular choices; others were debated.

No one ever said that choosing a most valuable player is a scientific process. It is the most prestigious of awards, yet it is often the most subjective.

The truth is, no Super Bowl MVP has ever won a game all by himself. There always are a number of crucial supporting roles filled by other members of his team. And, while the players who won the award are the ones remembered most vividly, a look at the past 16 Super Bowls reveals some other men who were not "most valuable"; they were simply invaluable.



Greg Hargreaves

McGee admitted he was stunned that he held onto his first touchdown pass. "When the ball stuck, I almost fainted," he said. "I expected to open my left hand and find a silver dollar."

You will recall that San Francisco's Joe Montana was named the most valuable player in Super Bowl XVI last year. It wasn't a surprising choice. Montana provided easily observed on-field generalship, passing for 157 yards without an interception. He scored one touchdown himself and passed for another, as the 49ers defeated Cincinnati 26-21.

Montana's selection also adhered to a familiar pattern of identifying the winning team's quarterback as the Super Bowl's most valuable player.

That particular tradition began when Green Bay's Bart Starr won back-to-back awards in Games I and II, and later was repeated with the designations of the New York Jets' Joe Namath in Game III, Kansas City's Len Dawson in Game IV, Dallas's Roger Staubach in Game VI, Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw in Games XIII and XIV, and Oakland's Jim Plunkett in Game XV.

In the 16 Super Bowls, the winning team's quarterback has been chosen MVP a total of nine times. That isn't really surprising, since quarterbacks spend so much time in the spotlight.

But if a quarterback has some built-in advantages toward winning a most valuable player award, he also must get a little help from his friends.

Hot Off the Bench

If there was an award for the unlikeliest hero in a Super Bowl, there would have been no contest in Game I.

That first Super Bowl matched the NFL champion Green Bay Packers against the Kansas City Chiefs, representing the AFL, in the first world championship game played between the two rival leagues.

Few people expected the Packers to have any trouble with the Chiefs. They didn't, winning by a score of 35-10 and preserving the honor of the NFL.

The chief architect of Green Bay's victory was quarterback Bart Starr, who passed for 250 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

But it was 12-year veteran wide receiver Max McGee who provided the heroics. McGee, winding down a long and successful career with the Packers, had hinted before the contest that Super Bowl I would be his final game. He had played so sparingly during the 1966 regular season (catching just four passes) that he earned a reputation as "pro football's highest paid receiver per catch." And he didn't figure to play much against Kansas City.

Because of his accumulated rust, the 34-year-old McGee later admitted that he had been a little nervous he *might* have to play, since starting wide receiver Boyd Dowler was going into the game with a shoulder injury. "If Boyd hurts that shoulder again," McGee told a teammate before the game, "I don't know if I can do it against their defense. I mean, I know we can run big plays on them, but I don't know if my legs will hold up."

He got his chance to find out on the second play of the game when Dowler aggravated his shoulder injury trying to make a block. Green Bay head coach Vince Lombardi, who had no doubts about McGee's abilities, didn't hesitate to send him into the game.

Within minutes, Starr completed a six-

play, 80-yard drive with a 37-yard touchdown pass to McGee for the game's first points. The pass was thrown behind McGee, but he kept it alive with his right hand. When it popped back into the air, he grabbed it hip-high in front of Chiefs safety Willie Mitchell.

"I think Bart intentionally threw the ball behind me," McGee said, "so Mitchell couldn't cut across and intercept it. When the ball stuck, I almost fainted. I expected to open my left hand and find a silver dollar."

McGee again played a prominent role when the Packers mounted a 56-yard scoring drive in the third quarter. He caught passes of 11, 16, and 13 yards—the final one good for his second touchdown and a 28-10 Green Bay lead.

He also set up the Packers' final touchdown with another fine 37-yard catch in the fourth quarter. "I should have scored [on that one]," he said, "but I darn near tripped over my tongue."

McGee finished with seven receptions for 137 yards and two touchdowns. After the game he seemingly confirmed the earlier reports that he was set to call it a career when he said, "I can't think of a nicer way to go out." When Kansas City owner Lamar Hunt congratulated McGee after the game, he said, "Don't retire now. We want to come back and get you next year."

As it turned out, McGee didn't retire. He and the Packers returned to the Super Bowl to face the Oakland Raiders the following season.

The Long Goodbye

In many ways, Super Bowl II bore a great resemblance to Super Bowl I. The powerful Packers dominated the Raiders 33-14, and another polished performance by Starr earned him a second consecutive most valuable player award.

There was one significant difference, though. During the week leading up to the game there was an undercurrent of rumors dominating the pregame atmosphere. Everyone was wondering whether Lombardi was going to step down as the Packers' head coach.

More than any of his players, Lombardi personified the Green Bay Packers of the 1960s. The Packers were a true dynasty, winning five championships from 1961-67. They were Lombardi's team. He assembled the machine, piece-by-piece, and infused the players with his own fire and will to win.

So, when the stories circulated that Lombardi was planning to resign after the Super Bowl, the Green Bay players

David Leffel

"When he [Lombardi] told us how proud he was of us, we all had lumps in our throats. We were just as proud of him."
—Bart Starr

became armed with an even greater incentive to win.

Lombardi gave his players clearer indication he was going to hang up his whistle when he addressed them after a practice two days before the game.

"I want to say, first of all, that I know we can win on Sunday," he said. "We are old hands at this game, but we also know that we are going to have to work harder than ever. And I want to tell you how proud I am of you. I have told you before that you are the finest team in professional football. It's been a long season and Sunday, uh, it may be the last time we are all together."

The room fell silent, and there were moist eyes all around, including Lombardi's.

"When he told us how proud he was of us," said Starr, "we all had lumps in our throats. He was proud of us, but we were just as proud of him."

That pride was further manifested when Jerry Kramer, the Packers' great offensive guard, gathered the team in the locker room during halftime of the Super Bowl (the Packers led 16-7 at that point), and said, "Let's play the last thirty minutes for the old man. All of us love him. Let's not let him down."

They didn't. Kramer's exhortation was all the Packers needed. They scored 17 straight points in the second half and coasted to a 33-14 victory.

After the game, Kramer and tackle Forrest Gregg (now the head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals) hoisted Lombardi aloft. "One more time, coach," they said, as they carried him off the field on their broad shoulders.

The beaming Lombardi didn't argue. "This is the best way to leave a football field," he said.

The Jets Rely on a Tank

Super Bowl III will always be remembered as Joe Namath's game. It was

Prior to Super Bowl III, Snell's name wasn't exactly a household word. But he and the Baltimore Colts became well acquainted.

Bart Forbes

Broadway Joe, the brash young quarterback for the AFL's New York Jets famed for his white shoes, fur coats, and after hours adventures, who "guaranteed" the Thursday before the game that the Jets would defeat the NFL champion Baltimore Colts in the Super Bowl.

Bart Forbes

"Those guys [the Chiefs' defensive linemen] looked like a redwood forest in front of us. They took the running game away from us."
—Joe Kapp

In the wake of the less than grand showing by the AFL's two previous representatives in the Super Bowl, Namath's bold pregame statements attracted widespread attention—and skepticism. But to the astonishment of most of the football world, the lightly regarded Jets made good on Namath's promise, and defeated the Colts 16-7.

Namath certainly did his share, completing 17 of his 28 passes for 206 yards, and he walked off with the keys to the car annually provided by *Sport* Magazine, sponsor of the most valuable player award. But Namath's effectiveness, and the Jets' victory, were accommodated greatly by the gutty power running of fullback Matt Snell.

Although the sturdy five-year veteran already was the Jets' all-time leading rusher, and again had led the team in rushing with 747 yards during the regular season, Snell's name was not exactly a household word. But he and the Colts became well acquainted.

Snell's power running, primarily on weakside slants behind the thunderous blocking of left tackle Winston Hill, yielded 121 yards on 30 carries. More important, he provided Namath with precious ball-control security.

"We had planned to run to our left a lot," said Jets head coach Weeb Ewbank, "since we had a guard [Dave Hermann] out of position playing tackle on the right."

But Snell turned Ewbank's forced strategy into gold. The Colts couldn't stop him, even though two weeks earlier, in the NFL Championship Game against Cleveland, they had held NFL rushing leader Leroy Kelly to just 28 yards on 13 attempts.

Snell broke up a scoreless game in the second quarter with a four-yard touchdown run, and he kept pummeling away at the Colts for the rest of the afternoon. He also caught four passes for 40 yards.

Snell's finest hour wasn't acknowledged with any awards, but without his contribution, the members of those 1968 Jets probably wouldn't own Super Bowl rings today.

The Forest and the Trees

Most of the pregame attention prior to Super Bowl IV was focused on another quarterback. This time it was Kansas City's Len Dawson, who was under suspicion for having associated with members of a gambling syndicate.

Dawson denied any wrongdoing, and was publicly defended and cleared by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle just before the game.

Dawson shook off the emotional trauma of the preceding week and led the Chiefs to a stunning 23-7 victory over the heavily favored Minnesota Vikings. He completed 12 of 17 passes for 142 yards and a touchdown. When he was named the game's most valuable player, he wound up receiving most of the postgame attention as well.

However, it was the authoritative play of Kansas City's defensive line, consisting of ends Aaron Brown and Jerry Mays, and tackles Buck Buchanan and Curley Culp, that assured the victory.

The 6-foot 1-inch Culp, somewhat undersized for a defensive tackle, spent the afternoon baffling the Vikings with his great quickness. Brown, Buchanan, and Mays—all physically imposing—were mostly able just to overpower their men.

Led by their front four, the Chiefs prevented mobile Minnesota quarterback Joe Kapp from rolling out, where he could hurt them with either a pass or a run. They also limited the Vikings to just 67 yards rushing—probably the most telling statistic of the game.

"Those guys looked like a redwood forest in front of us," said Kapp. "I don't remember that one individual stood out. They were all very active. They took the running game away from us. We went into the game wanting to run the ball, and they were able to take it all away with great defensive play."

The Stork Brings Victory

Game V ushered in a new era for the Super Bowl. The NFL's 1970 merger with the AFL had been consummated

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It was largely the animated play of Hendricks, the 6-foot 7-inch linebacker, which ambushed the Cowboys in Super Bowl V.

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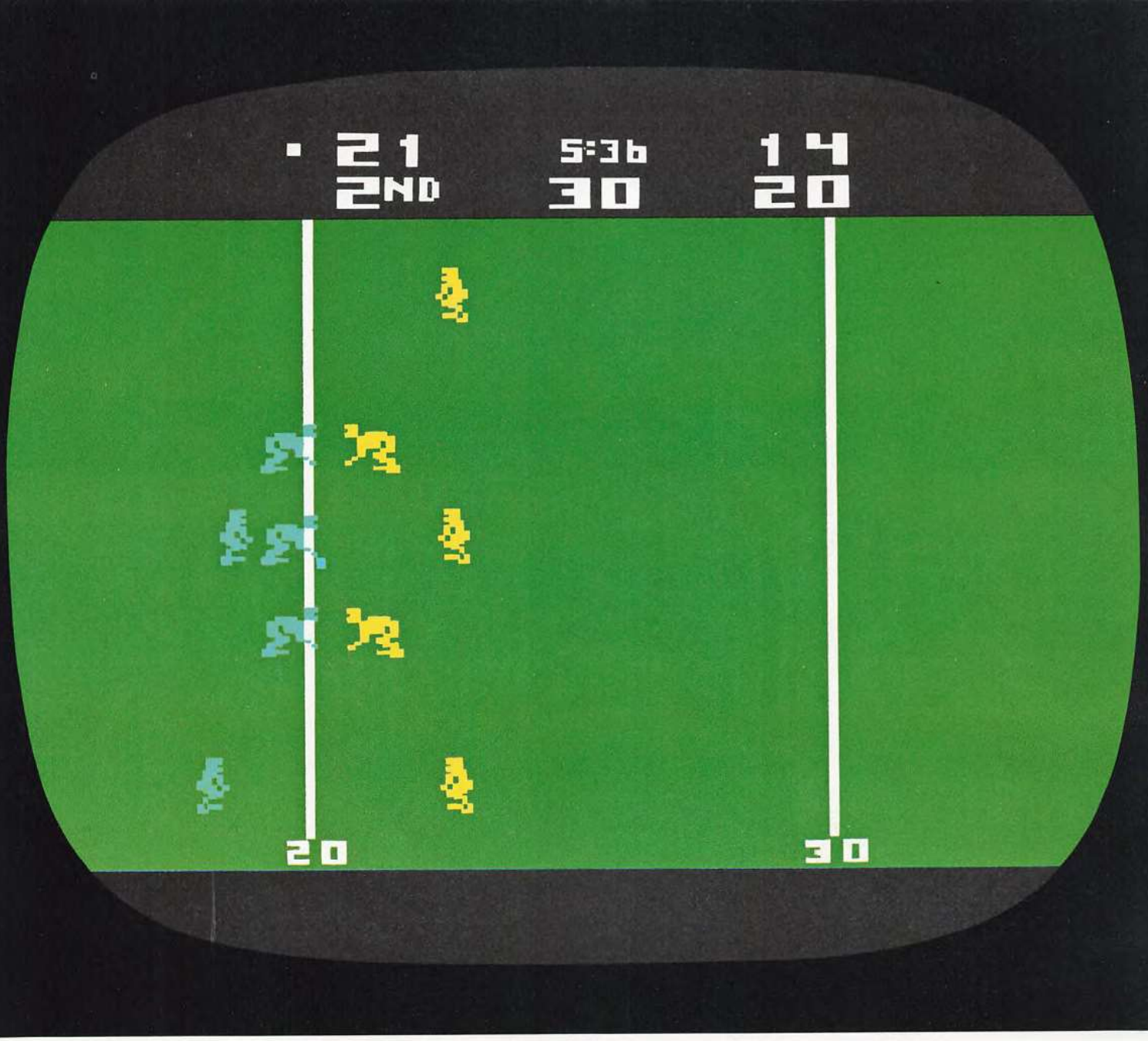

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Baltimore represented the AFC in Super Bowl V and defeated NFC champion Dallas 16-13 in an error-filled game (11 turnovers) when rookie placekicker Jim O'Brien kicked a 32-yard field goal with five seconds left to play.

For the first time ever, a defensive player, Dallas outside linebacker Chuck Howley, was named most valuable player. Stranger yet was the fact that Howley, who had two interceptions and caused a fumble, played on the losing team (still the only time a most valuable player hasn't played for the Super Bowl champion).

The Colts actually could point to a number of heroes. There was O'Brien, of course. Tight end John Mackey caught a dramatic—and controversial—75-yard touchdown pass, the longest in Super Bowl history at that time. Linebacker Mike Curtis was a terror throughout the game and made a key interception in the closing minutes of the game to give O'Brien his chance.

But it was the animated play of another Colts linebacker, 6-foot 7-inch Ted Hendricks, that really ambushed the Cowboys.

Hendricks, both by his positioning and his phenomenal pursuit, succeeded in sealing off the outside from the Cowboys. Time after time, when Dallas would attempt an outside sweep, Hendricks was there to turn the play back inside, where the other Baltimore linebackers were stacked, ready to pursue in either direction. Dallas's great young halfback, Duane Thomas, was unable to maximize his blazing outside speed, and was held to 35 yards rushing in 18 carries.

"The Cowboys hurt us now and then through the middle," said Colts' defensive tackle Billy Ray Smith, "but nobody's going to win the Super Bowl running into the line."

"They stacked their linebackers inside where they could pursue well on sweeps," said Dallas quarterback Craig Morton. "The Colts ran so many defenses that we had to cut back on the number of plays we prepared so as not to make mistakes."

The angular Hendricks (now with the Raiders) blocked one of Morton's passes intended for Thomas, who was wide open inside the Colts' 10, saving a touchdown. Perhaps his most important individual effort came late in the fourth quarter when he blitzed Morton hard and forced a hurried throw that was high and behind intended receiver Dan Reeves. Reeves tipped the ball, but it went into the arms of Curtis, who held on for the crucial interception that set up O'Brien's winning field goal.

An Oft-Gilded Lilly

Dallas rebounded from its frustrating loss to Baltimore by defeating Miami 24-3 in Super Bowl VI. Duane Thomas,

Merv Corning

"On one play, I was going to blast Lilly, wipe him right out. The next thing I knew, he wasn't there."
—Larry Csonka

who had been shackled by the Colts the previous year, had a big rushing day (95 yards and a touchdown), and quarterback Roger Staubach was named most valuable player. However, defensive tackle Bob Lilly, the heart and soul of Dallas's Doomsday Defense, was equally responsible for the Cowboys' convincing victory.

Led by Lilly, the Dallas defense choked off the middle—typically Miami's favorite territory—and allowed only sporadic yardage to the outside. The Dolphins managed just 80 yards rushing and their twin backfield battering rams, Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick, were held to a mere 40 yards rushing apiece by the penurious Cowboys defense. Csonka was impressed.

"On one play, I was going to blast Lilly, wipe him right out," he said. "The next thing I knew, he wasn't there. I swear, he must have been six feet up. I mean he actually leaped right over me, and I'm six-feet two. I never touched him."

"We called plays that worked all year," said Miami quarterback Bob Griese, "and they didn't work."

One play that didn't work occurred on the final play of the first quarter. Griese dropped back to pass on third and nine at the Miami 38. He started to roll right...and there was Lilly. He changed directions and began to roll left...and there was Lilly again. Finally Lilly nailed Griese on the 9 for a 29-yard loss.

"Griese was never sure of himself after that twenty-nine yard loss," said Dallas middle linebacker Lee Roy Jordan. "We created a lot of doubt in his mind. If you're a quarterback, and you don't have confidence in what you see, it's tough to get anything done."

Man and SuperManny

Awesome was about the best way to describe the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who steamrollered to the first perfect record in NFL history. The Dolphins finished 17-0, including a 14-0 regular season record, two wins in the AFC playoffs, and a 14-7 victory over Washington in Super Bowl VII.

Awesome wouldn't be a bad way to describe the performance of Miami defensive tackle Manny Fernandez against the Redskins, either. He wasn't the most valuable player—that honor went to safety Jake Scott, who intercepted two passes for a Super Bowl record 63 yards.

But it was Fernandez, playing the middle (or nose tackle) position in the Dolphins' 53 defense, who almost singlehandedly disrupted Washington's rushing game. He made 11 individual tackles and was a very painful thorn in the side of Washington star running back Larry Brown, who had to struggle for every one of his 72 yards (on 22 carries).

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"It was as if he [Fernandez] took the line of scrimmage and pushed it one yard into their backfield."
—Don Shula

pretty well," said Miami middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti, one of the few bona fide stars in the Dolphins' No-Name Defense. "But it wasn't because they couldn't control me. The Redskins lost because they couldn't control Manny.

"There were a couple of times early in the game when I was driven backwards by two blockers and had to fight my way clear just in time to see Manny knocking Brown down at the line of scrimmage. I didn't have that many tackles today [three] because Manny wasn't letting anybody get that far."

"I played a little off the ball so I could see what their backs were doing," said Fernandez. "I was able to get rid of my blocker most of the time before he could get to me."

Washington guard John Wilbur knew exactly what Fernandez meant. "Hell, it seemed like Fernandez was all over the place," he said. "He hit hard and reacted well."

Miami head coach Don Shula summed up Fernandez's contribution as well as anyone. "Manny played the finest game I've ever seen a nose tackle play," he said. "It was as if he took the line of scrimmage and pushed it one yard back into their backfield."

Eating the Purple People Eaters

There was little controversy over the selection of the most valuable player in Super Bowl VIII. Larry Csonka set a Super Bowl record with 145 yards rushing and scored two-touchdowns to lead Miami past Minnesota 24-7, enabling the Dolphins to become the first team since Green Bay to win back-to-back Super Bowls.

However, it was the nearly flawless execution by the Dolphins' offensive line, which often utilized misdirection plays and influence blocking, that created the gaping holes through which Csonka, Jim Kiick, and Eugene (Mercury) Morris ran. The Dolphins rushed for 196 yards, and of their 60 plays from scrimmage, only 7 were passes.

The Miami line, comprised of center Jim Langer, guards Larry Little and Bob Kuechenberg, and tackles Norm Evans and Wayne Moore, completely bewildered Minnesota's more renowned defensive line, the Purple People Eaters.

"We looked at films of that great Minnesota defensive line," said Don Shula, "and we figured there was no way we could defeat them just by straight blocking them. So we used a lot of influence plays at the start until they started looking and hesitating. Then for the rest of the game we went basically man-for-man."

One Viking that particularly had worried Shula was defensive tackle Alan Page, because of his relentless pursuit on running plays. In order to neutralize Page, the Dolphins ran a number of plays directly at him and had great success, thanks to some crushing blocks from Kuechenberg, who played the game with a fractured arm that was in a cast.

When the Vikings attempted to compensate for the Dolphins' shrewd strategies, it was to no avail.

"We made a few adjustments, like throwing in odd-man fronts instead of our normal four-three," said Vikings defensive line coach Jack Patera. "We thought it might give us an edge. But they picked it up."

When Page later was asked when it had become obvious that Minnesota was in trouble, he replied, "After the first few plays."

Pure and simple, the Vikings' defensive line was overmatched in this game.

"I don't know," said Page, "if there was anything we could have done."

The Curtain Comes Down

Minnesota returned to the Super Bowl for another try the following season, but the Vikings were no more fortunate against Pittsburgh in Super Bowl IX than they had been against the Dolphins.

Once again Minnesota was victimized by superlative line play. . .this time on the other side of the ball.

Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain defense was led by its imposing front four of Mean Joe Greene, L.C. Greenwood,

Miami's line gave Minnesota's Purple People Eaters indigestion in Super Bowl VIII. "I don't know if there was anything we could have done," said Alan Page.

Greg Wray

Ernie Holmes, and Dwight White (who played despite being hospitalized twice before the game with a viral infection). Together, they helped snuff out Minnesota's ground game, limiting the Vikings to a meager 17 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Greene, the spiritual leader of the Steelers' defense, had communicated his feelings about being in the Super Bowl to his teammates before the game. "We are not going to be denied," he told them. "The Steelers waited forty-two years to get here. If we lose, it might take another forty-two to get back. I don't expect to be playing that long. A player might get only one shot at this game, so he better make the most of it."

Inspired thus, the Steelers were both irresistable and immovable.

While running back Franco Harris was rushing for 158 yards (breaking Csonka's one-year-old record) to wrap up the most valuable player award, the Steel Curtain was impenetrable. Not only could the Vikings not run the ball, but quarterback Fran Tarkenton had four of his passes knocked down, three others intercepted, and was able to complete only 11 of 26 attempts for 102 yards.

"We don't like to give up any yardage," said Greenwood. "We try to give up no yardage. None."

The Steelers confronted Minnesota center Mick Tinglehoff and guard Ed White with an unusual alignment that resulted in confusing stunts and loops by Holmes, who usually lined up head-on against Tinglehoff, and Greene, who would be aimed at his ear. Mostly, it was Greene's hard charges into the backfield that choked off middle traps and disrupted pulls by the guards.

"Greene didn't overpower me, or anything," said White, "but he would come inside and Holmes behind him to the outside and there was just no way we could stop them from penetrating."

Minnesota's only touchdown was the result of a blocked punt early in the fourth quarter. The Vikings missed another chance when Greene knocked the ball out of running back Chuck Foreman's hands near the Steelers' goal line. "That was the biggest defensive play of the game," said Pittsburgh head coach Chuck Noll. "If they had scored then, it would have made it tough on us."

"Dwight spread germs," said Greene. "The rest of us spread fear. It was head-to-head, just crunch, crunch, crunch."

Merv Corning

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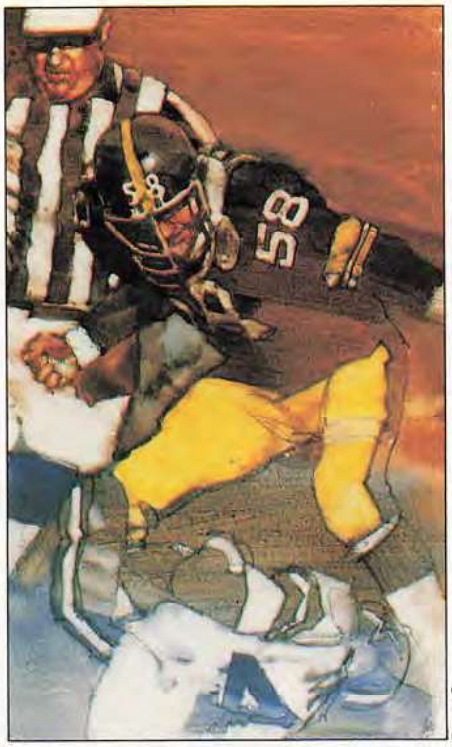

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—Joe Greene

Jack Lambert's Greatest Hits

Joe Greene was wrong. It didn't take the Steelers 42 years to return to the Super Bowl; they were back the very next year against the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl X.

Pittsburgh again was strong on both sides of the ball, but Fran Tarkenton predicted before the game that the Steelers would defeat the Cowboys on the strength of their superior defense. "The Pittsburgh defense is the most dominating I've ever seen in football," Tarkenton said. "It's also the most frustrating I've ever played against."

After Dallas took a 10-7 halftime lead, it began to sample some of that frustration in the second half.

The man who changed the complexion of the game in the Steelers' favor was linebacker Jack Lambert. He played like a man possessed, and was particularly devastating in the third quarter when he fired up his teammates and helped quash the Dallas rushing game.

Lambert had become aroused when, after Steelers placekicker Roy Gerela had missed his second field goal of the

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game, Dallas safety Cliff Harris patted Gerela on the helmet in mock congratulation.

Lambert was incensed, and he initially responded by grabbing Harris and flinging him to the ground. "When I see injustice," he said, "I try to do something about it."

After that, Lambert not only was making crushing tackles, but in between plays, he was jumping up and down to incite his teammates and agitate the Cowboys.

"Lambert was phenomenal," said Roger Staubach, who wound up being sacked seven times. "He was in and out of the line. Our blockers couldn't get to him. And he was *very* vocal."

Pittsburgh wide receiver Lynn Swann, who caught four passes for 161 yards and the decisive touchdown, was named MVP, but it was Lambert who lit the fuse in the second half.

"Lambert was the guy who held us together when things weren't going good," said Greene, who was injured, and only played sparingly. "He spearheaded us. He made three or four hits that got us going. You could just feel it."

Even before the incident with Harris, Lambert had noticed that the Steelers needed a spark.

"I felt we were intimidated a little bit in the first half," he said. "The Pittsburgh Steelers aren't supposed to be intimidated. We're supposed to be the intimidators. I decided to do something about it."

There was no doubt that Lambert's flurry of tackles in the second half produced the desired effect on his teammates.

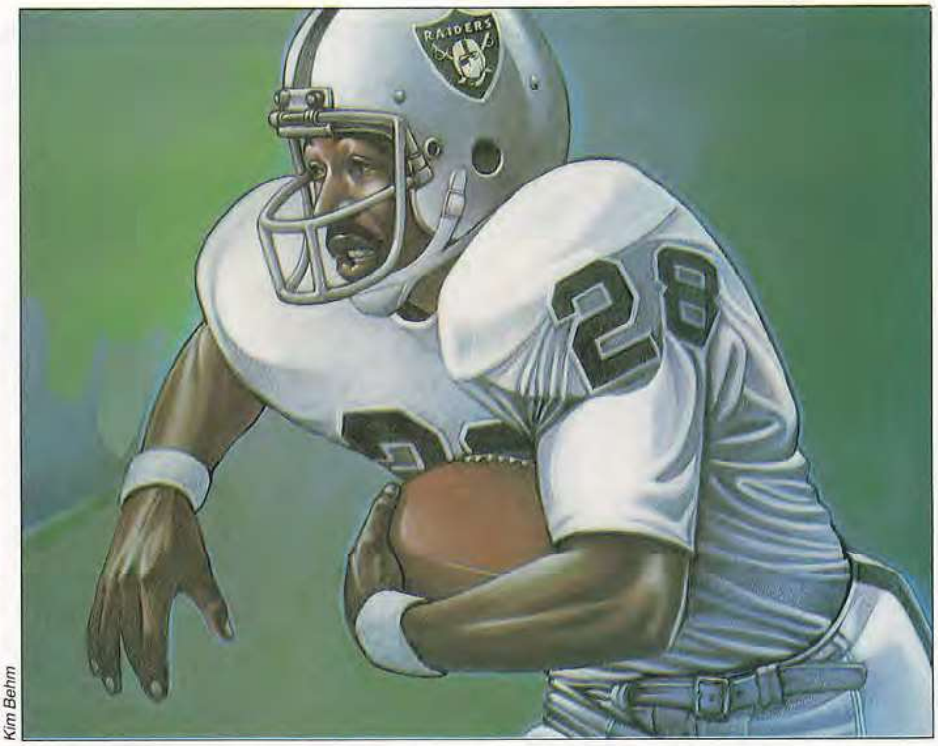
"After that," he said, "we had some hitting."

Galloping to a Championship

It seemed clear from the start that the Oakland Raiders weren't going to overconcern themselves with finesse against Minnesota in Super Bowl XI.

"The Vikings are a vanilla team," Raiders guard Gene Upshaw said afterward. "They never change anything. They line up and they say, 'Here's [Jim] Marshall, here's [Alan] Page. Here we are, come and get us.' So we came and got them."

Specifically, the Raiders ran right at—and over—the right side of the Minnesota defensive line. With all-pros Upshaw and tackle Art Shell doing most of the heavy bulldozing, the Raiders went



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"When you've got the horses you ride them," said Stabler, after the Raiders had ridden 137 yards rushing by Clarence Davis to victory in Super Bowl XI.

Gary Kelly

Staubach's poise enabled Dallas to maximize the numerous opportunities provided by the Doomsday II defense.

to their left a total of 26 out of 33 running plays.

As quarterback Ken Stabler summarized, "When you've got the horses, you ride them."

Wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff kept the Vikings off balance with some sensational catches; three of the four passes he caught helped set up touchdowns, and earned him the MVP award. But it was the superb running of Clarence Davis, who gained a career high 137 yards on just 16 carries (an 8.6 average), that softened up the Vikings.

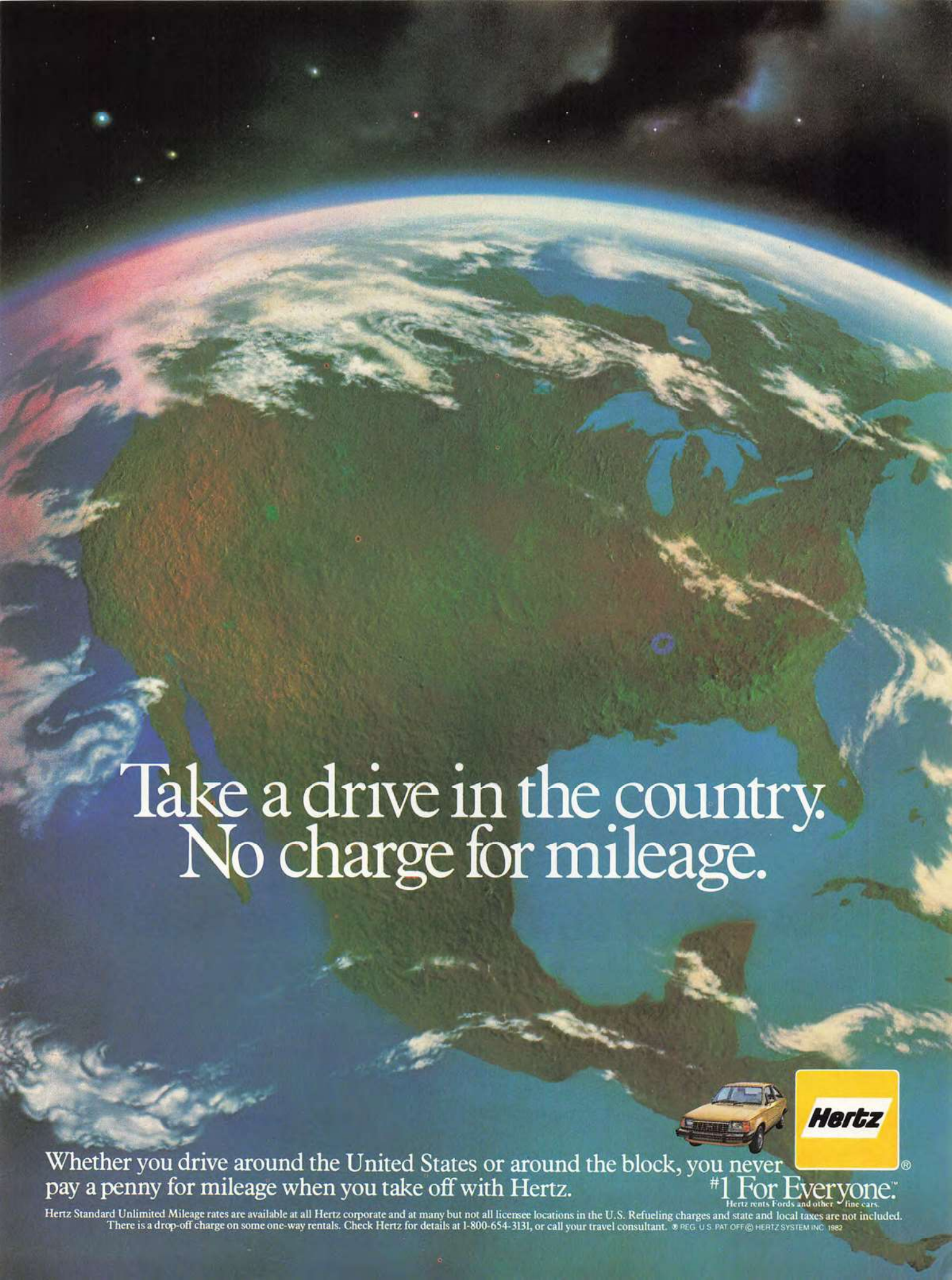
After a scoreless first quarter, Davis helped wake up his teammates. The Raiders had recovered a Minnesota fumble on their own 3. They managed just three yards on their first two downs, and were faced with third and seven from the 6. Instead of passing as expected, Stabler called on Davis, who broke loose around left end and spurted for 35 yards to get the Raiders out of a hole. It was exactly the kind of spark Oakland needed. The Raiders went on to score 16 points before halftime, and they never looked back.

In addition to his 35-yard run, Davis also broke loose for gains of 13, 16, 18, and 20 yards.

"Maybe because everyone said we'd run on them," Davis said, "they [the Vikings] believed it, too. They didn't expect us to go wide. That may have been part of it." No matter, for, as Stabler said, it helps to have the horses. And the one to ride that day was Davis.

Back Seat Driver

There was no mystery about how Dallas defeated Denver in Super Bowl XII. The Cowboys' Doomsday II defense simply overwhelmed the Broncos, particularly along the line. Dallas forced eight turnovers, including four interceptions of Denver quarterback Craig Mor-



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ton (who had played with the Cowboys from 1965-1974.) Morton only had thrown eight interceptions all season.

Quite simply, Morton had no time to throw. He was beleaguered by the withering pass rush mounted by the Cowboys' defensive line. Tackle Randy White and end Harvey Martin, who wound up sharing the most valuable player award (the first and only time more than one player has been so honored), were Morton's main tormentors.

White, Martin, and the Dallas defense reaped many deserved kudos. Quarterback Roger Staubach, meanwhile, pushed all of the right buttons on offense. Although he was sacked five times himself, and played part of the game with a broken finger, Staubach completed 17 of 25 passes for 183 yards and one touchdown without being intercepted. His poised performance enabled the Cowboys to capitalize on the numerous opportunities provided by their defense. Staubach moved the ball up and down the field against Denver's Orange Crush defense, and the score could have grown even higher if kicker Efren Herrera hadn't missed three field goals in the first half.

This was one time where the winning team's quarterback took a back seat in the attention department, but Staubach's sharp play helped lock up the Cowboys' second Super Bowl victory.

Pittsburgh's Other Receiver

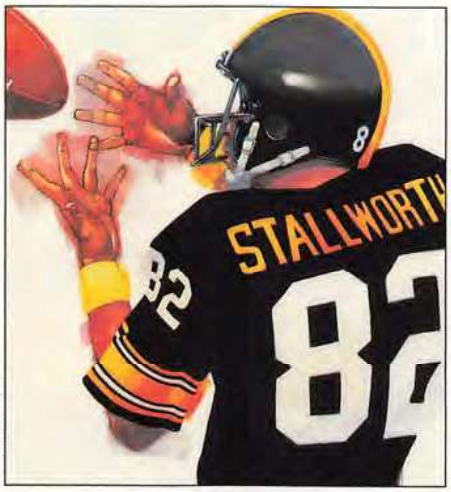
By the time Pittsburgh had earned a trip to Miami for Super Bowl XIII, wide receiver John Stallworth had established credentials as one of the top young wide receivers in pro football. But since he played opposite Lynn Swann, a consensus all-pro, he often operated in Swann's shadow.

Both Swann and Stallworth, as well as quarterback Terry Bradshaw, had big days as the Steelers defeated the Cowboys to become the first team to win three Super Bowls. Bradshaw passed for 318 yards and four touchdowns, and Swann caught seven passes, including one for a score.

Stallworth was an immense figure for the Steelers in the first half, catching an arching 28-yard touchdown pass for the game's first score in the first quarter, and then, after Dallas had taken a 14-7 lead, turning a 10-yard reception into a 75-yard touchdown with a brilliant run.

Stallworth was quick to praise Bradshaw, who won the most valuable player award. "Terry is just fantastic,"

Stallworth enhanced his own persona with an immense performance in Pittsburgh's third Super Bowl victory.



William Ersland

he said. "He did what a quarterback has to do. He read the zones. He deserves whatever comes his way, like the MVP. Nothing we accomplished out there surprises me. We got into the playoffs on our passing. There was no reason not to stick with it."

Maybe it was left to Dallas's Cliff Harris to provide further amplification on the Steelers' success.

"He [Bradshaw] and Stallworth work so well together," he said. "Even on the first pass Bradshaw completed [a two-yard gain to Stallworth in the Steelers' first scoring drive], I got a hand on it, but it was like there was another force out there today. It seemed like it was meant to be."

And after the game, John Stallworth was a little bit better known—to millions of television viewers and, particularly, to the Dallas secondary.

A Special Special Teamer

Stallworth, Swann, Bradshaw, and company returned for the Steelers' fourth Super Bowl try a year later. Although the opponent was different—this time it was the Los Angeles Rams—the script was familiar. Bradshaw threw three touchdown passes, including a 73-yard bomb to Stallworth, and the Steelers won again, 31-19, to become the first four-time Super Bowl champion.

It was the scintillating kickoff returns of Larry Anderson, a third-year reserve defensive back, that laid the foundation for the Steelers' come-from-behind victory.

The Rams led 7-3 late in the first quarter when Frank Corral kicked off to Anderson. He caught the ball on his

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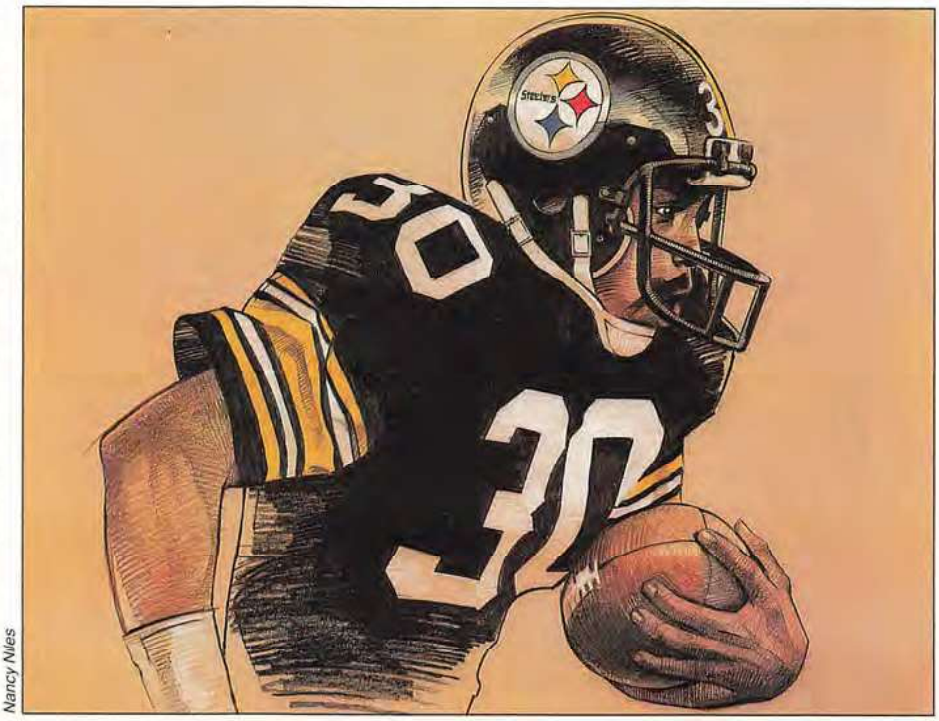

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own 2, eluded the first wave of Rams tacklers, and made it all the way to the Pittsburgh 47. The good field position paid off nine plays later when Franco Harris scored on a one-yard run.

After the Rams forged a 10-10 tie on a Corral field goal, Anderson again delivered a big return of 38 yards to give the Steelers the ball on their own 46. This time, though, they couldn't move the ball.

With Pittsburgh trailing 13-10 at the start of the second half, Anderson received the kickoff and returned it 37 yards to the Steelers' 39. This time the Steelers converted their field position into a touchdown on a Bradshaw bomb to Swann—and a 17-13 lead.

In all, Anderson returned five kickoffs for a Super Bowl record 162 yards.

"If you ask me, the kicking game was the key to victory," said Bradshaw, who won his second straight most valuable award. "The punt and kickoff returns were the best I've seen since coming to the Steelers. I though Larry Anderson or Stallworth would be the MVP. They'd both be excellent choices."

. . . And Three Makes Five

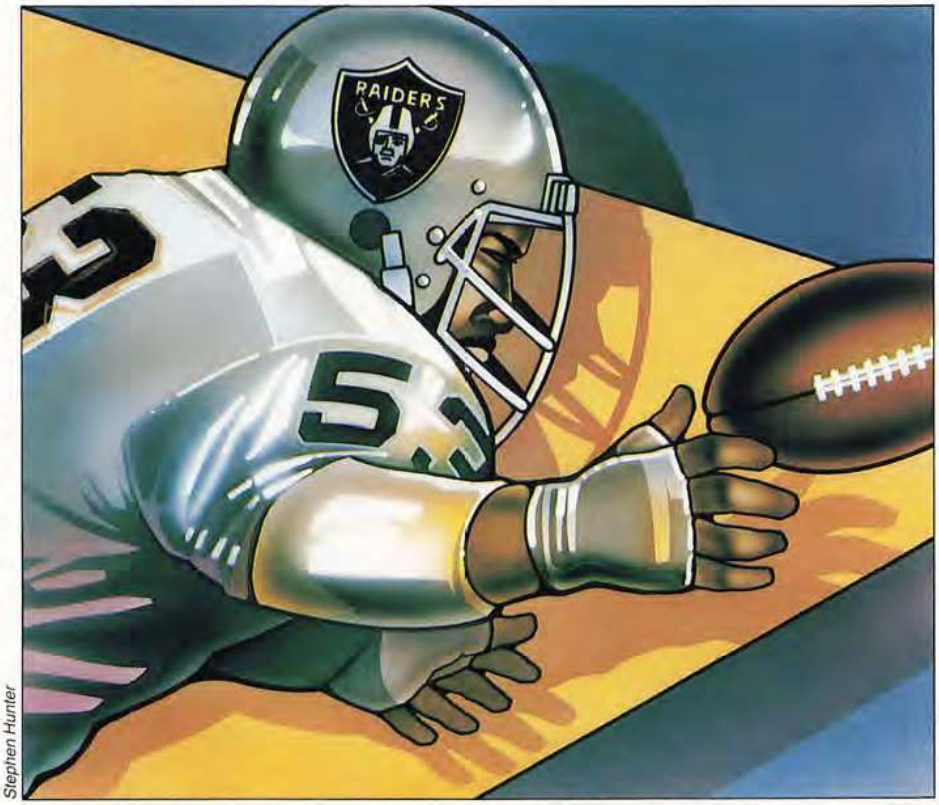
In some ways it probably would have been unthinkable not to have given the most valuable player award in Super Bowl XV to Oakland quarterback Jim Plunkett. He had a big hand in the Raiders' 27-10 victory over Philadelphia, passing for 261 yards and three touchdowns.

Nevertheless, a strong case also could be made for honoring linebacker Rod Martin, who set a Super Bowl record with three interceptions.

Martin helped the Raiders establish an early lead when he stepped in front of Philadelphia tight end John Spagnola on the game's third play to intercept a pass from Ron Jaworski. Martin returned the interception from the Eagles' 47 to the 30, and the Raiders scored a touchdown seven plays later on a two-yard pass from Plunkett to wide receiver Cliff Branch.

Martin's second theft occurred early in the third quarter. The Raiders led 21-3, but the Eagles were driving and had the ball on the Oakland 34 when Martin again picked off a Jaworski pass. For the second time, Oakland took advantage of Martin's alert play, and increased its lead to 24-3 on a 46-yard field goal by Matt Bahr.

The Raiders were in total command by that point, and Martin's third interception in the fourth quarter merely preserved the final score.



Stephen Hunter

More than any omen or premonition, it was Martin's knowledge of the Eagles' offense that resulted in his three interceptions against Philadelphia in Super Bowl XV.

Earlier that week Martin had received an omen that he might play a super game on Super Sunday by being the dominant force in some "crazy eights" card games with two of his fellow linebackers, Ted Hendricks and Jeff Barnes.

"If you win three games in a row, it's called a triple crown," said Martin after the Super Bowl. "We named it in honor of John Matuzak's favorite drink. Anyway, last week I had two triple crowns and that's hard to do. Hendricks started kidding me. He said, 'You've been hot all week, why not get hot in the game on Sunday?' When we were getting dressed for the game, Ted said, 'Hey, get that triple crown today. Today is the day for it.'"

Then there was Martin's sister Carolyn, who had informed him that two different people had told her they had a feeling her brother would intercept a pass in the Super Bowl.

"There must be a third she didn't tell me about," said Martin, whose Super Bowl record of three interceptions surpassed his four-year career total of two.

Actually, rather than omens or premonitions, Martin could have credited his inspired play to a decision to avoid the late night temptations of New Orleans's famed Bourbon street during the week prior to the game in favor of spending extra time in front of a movie screen.

"I didn't miss curfew all week," Martin said. "I was in my room every night, studying films of the Eagles. I felt like I had a real handle on their offense."

One thing Martin learned was that when the Eagles used a two-tight end offense, the pass most often was thrown to wide receiver Harold Carmichael's side. That was exactly what happened on Martin's first interception.

"I saw Carmichael was going straight down the field," he said. "Spagnola hooked right behind me and I just dropped back and played the ball. It was kind of wobbly—more like a duck than an Eagle."

But as far as Philadelphia was concerned, Martin acted just like a Raider.

Follow the Bouncing Ball

For all of the heroics of Joe Montana, and the San Francisco defense, which made a gallant goal-line stand to stonewall the Cincinnati Bengals at a crucial point in the second half of Super Bowl XVI, kicker Ray Wersching had as much of a hand (or foot) in the 49ers'

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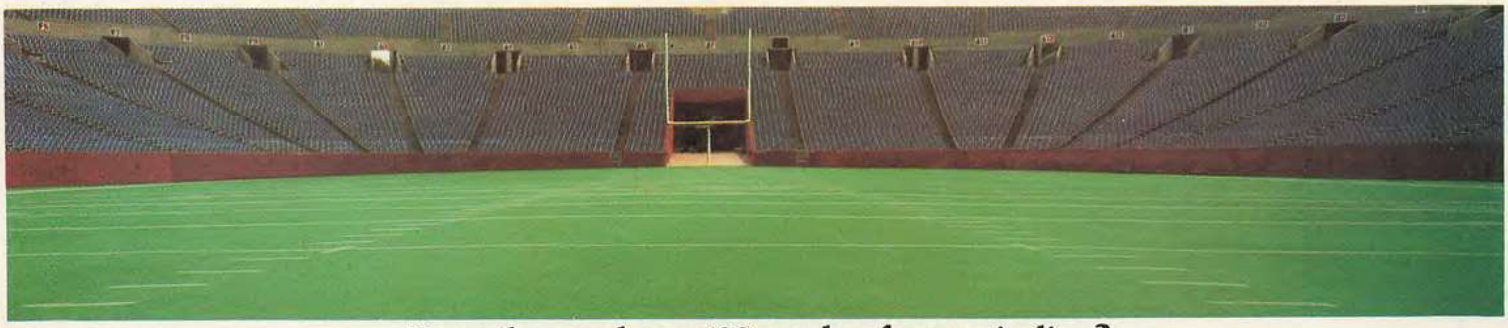

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Not only did Wershing kick four field goals and two extra points for a total of 14 points—just one shy of the Super Bowl record established by Green Bay's Don Chandler in Game II—but his squib kickoffs kept the Bengals off balance and twice resulted in fortuitous field position for the 49ers.

Wersching's line-drive "knuckleballs" drove the Bengals batty. Late in the second quarter Wersching pinned them on their own 3 when rookie David Verser had trouble holding onto a crazily bouncing kick. Cincinnati was forced to punt seven plays later.

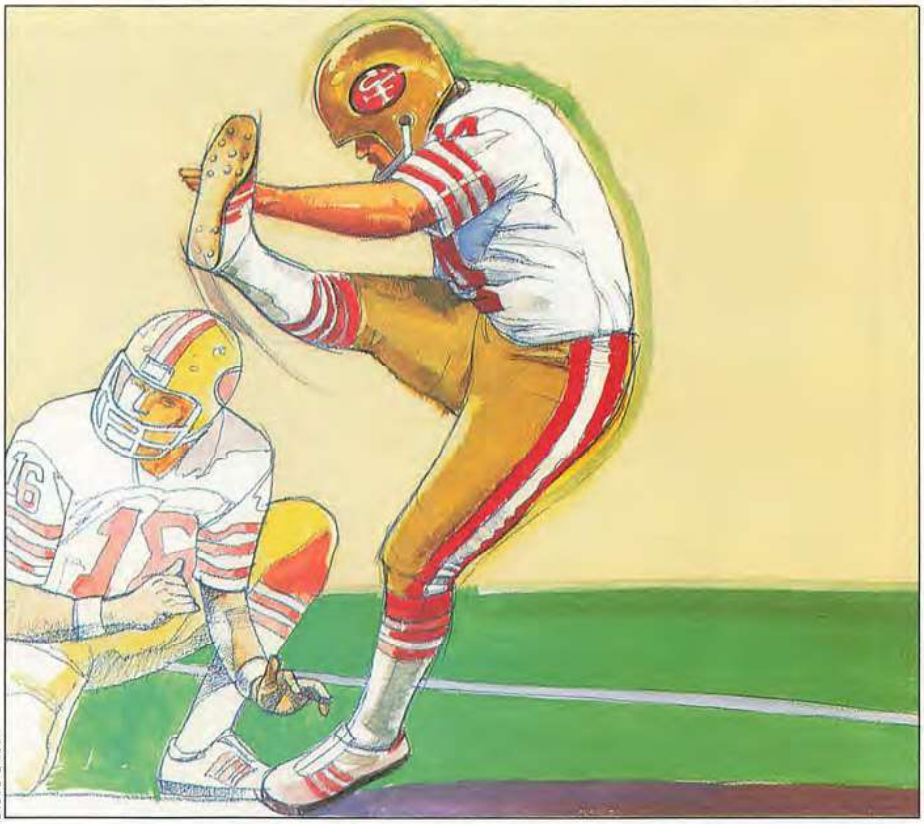
After the exchange, Montana positioned the 49ers close enough for a 22-yard field goal by Wersching with 15 seconds left in the half.

Then Wersching unleashed another squib kick, which the Bengals fumbled away. Wersching rushed back into the game and added a 26-yard field goal to give his team a 20-0 halftime lead.

The Bengals admitted that Wersching's squib kicks caught them off guard.

"I was kind of surprised," said Cincinnati running back Archie Griffin, who fumbled the kickoff just before halftime. "You don't expect the squibbers in a situation like that. The kicks came at me and I was going one way and the ball was going the other. I used to have a theory about squib kicks that the first two bounces would be funny and the next bounce would be high. Today, they were all funny."

Cincinnati mounted a comeback in the second half, but two more field goals by Wersching in the fourth quarter, from 40 and 23 yards, gave the 49ers breathing room and the eventual winning points.



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Wersching's squib kicks disoriented the Bengals. "I was kind of surprised," said Cincinnati's Archie Griffin. "You don't expect the squibbers in a situation like that. I was going one way, the ball was going the other."

If there is a moral to this story, it may have been voiced many years ago by Phillip Stanhope, also known as Lord Chesterfield. "Real merit of any kind cannot long be concealed," he said. "It will be discovered, and nothing can depreciate it but a man exhibiting it himself. It may not always be rewarded as it ought, but it will always be known."

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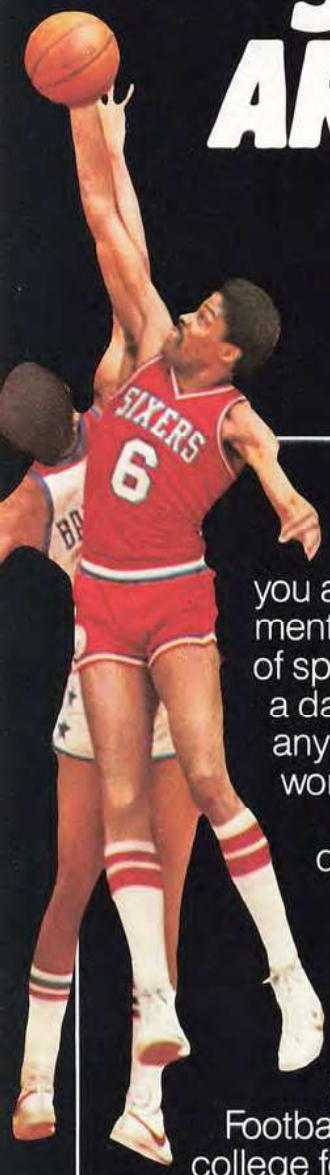

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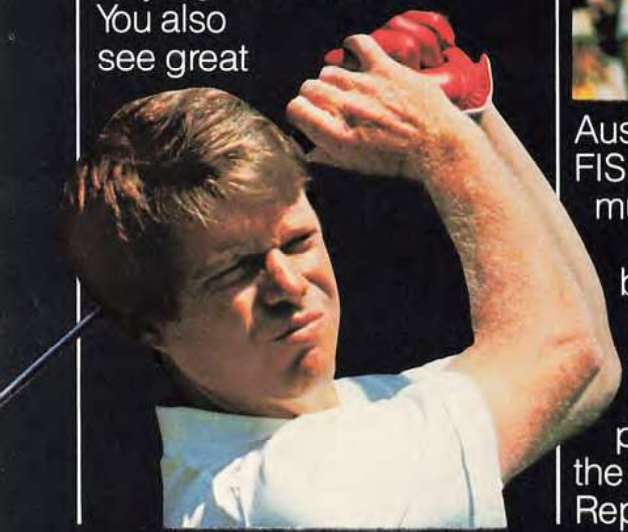

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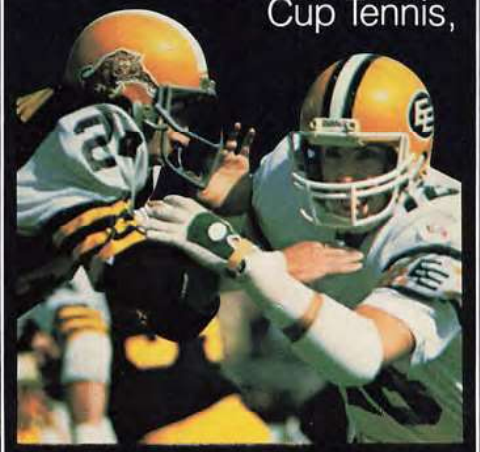

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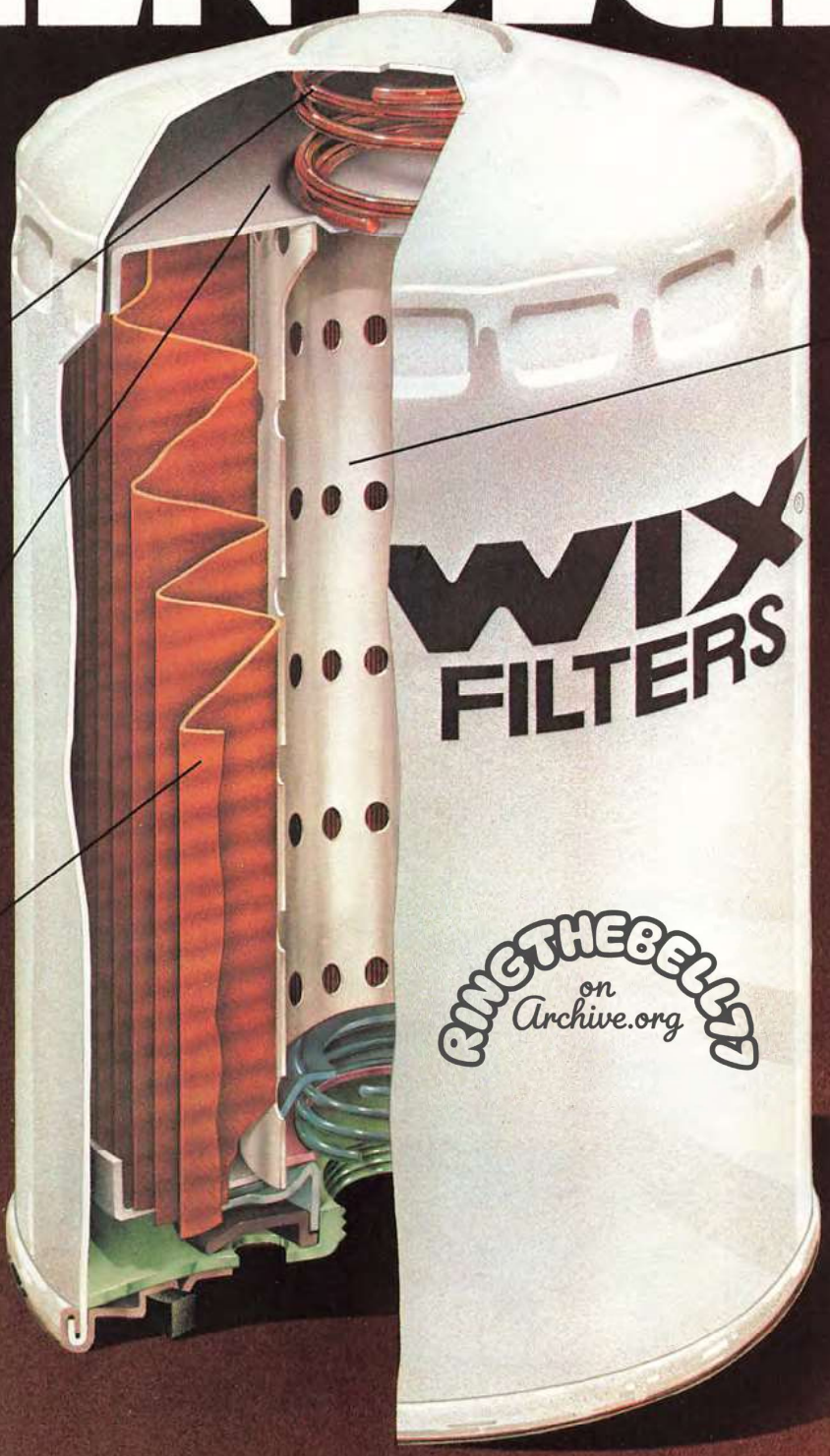

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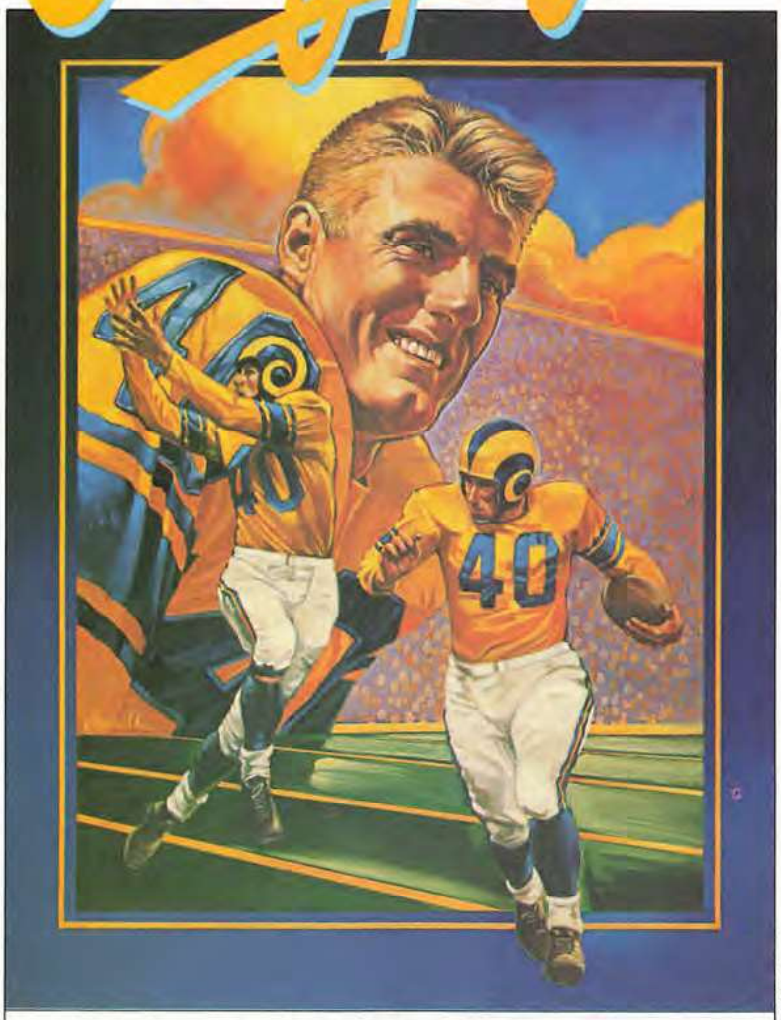

Rick Farrell

Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch has zig-zagged his way from the College All-Star Game to the Hall of Fame and, now, to Super Bowl XVII.

By John Hall

The concept of 100,000 people at a pro football game no longer boggles the mind. Super Bowl XI in 1977 drew 103,438 and Super Bowl XIV in 1980 attracted 103,985. Both games were played at the Rose Bowl.

Back in 1957, though, a crowd that large was front page news. "Record 102,638 See Rams Thump 49ers" blared a local newspaper headline on November 11 of that year. Those thousands of football fans showed up at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to watch the Rams, one of the most high-kicking, high-rolling, high-scoring machines of the decade.

But the crowd also was there for another reason—to witness a football legend play one of his final games. The legend was, and still is, Elroy Hirsch.

Crazylegs Elroy Leon Hirsch.

Crazylegs from Wausau, Wisconsin.

Crazylegs, the All-America, All-Pro, and Pro Football Hall of Fame member.

In 1951, the Rams' only NFL championship year in Los Angeles, Crazylegs had a season like nobody before ever had. He invented the bomb. He invented the Willie Mays catch over the head and over the moon. Along with his three fellow Hall of Famers on that team, quarterbacks Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin and end Tom Fears, he invented Hollywood-on-the-football-field.

Among the pass receiving records Hirsch set that season was one for 17 touchdown receptions, and he averaged more than 50 yards on each.

Included in the collection were scoring catches of 72, 76, 79, 81, and 91 yards, prompting football writer Bob Oates to marvel at the end of the season in the *Los Angeles Examiner:* "No end ever did the things Elroy perpetrated this season. Another such year for Hirsch, or any end, would seem to be beyond attainment."

It's fitting that Crazylegs, who inspired that first record 100,000-plus crowd in 1957, will be part of what figures to be the latest 100,000-plus crowd—the one here today at Super Bowl XVII.

He will be the honored guest of the hour, flipping the coin at the pregame ceremonies prior to kickoff.

Once a legend, always a legend.

However, he said it will be pleasure enough just to be present and join the ranks of other famous ceremonial participants, including last year's coin tosser, Bobby Layne, an old rival and more recently a friendly neighbor in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton.

Hirsch is hardly a stranger to the Rose Bowl.

As athletic director of the University of Wisconsin for the last 14 years, he has been a regular in Pasadena every New Year's Day for the annual showdown between the champions of the Pacific 10 and Big 10 conferences.

But he's rarely been able to attend professional games in recent years.

"I still follow the game closely, though," he says. "Every Sunday on television. That's our day off, and I look forward to it. I catch the Packers whenever I can. Bart Starr and I have become the best of friends.

"I've got a tremendous amount of respect for him. Our families are very close....

"The Super Bowl this time is going to make a great doubleheader for us." He and his wife Ruth were at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. Then they spent a week in Hawaii, returned to Madison for a few days, and, finally flew back to Pasadena earlier this week.

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"I want to take it all in," he says. "I don't want to miss anything."

That's typical of Hirsch. He never missed much off the field and he missed absolutely nothing on it.

Red Hickey, the assistant coach with the Rams who was responsible for converting Hirsch from halfback to end, once said:

"I can't remember Hirsch ever dropping a ball he could get his hands on. His technique of looking the ball all the way into his hands is what gave him that something extra, what made him so great."

Hirsch did drop at least one, though, and his friends think that's what made him retire at the end of the 1957 season at the age of 34.

The Rams were in the midst of a three-game road trip. In those days, clubs stayed on the road rather than return home to practice between games. So, after a game in San Francisco, the Rams went on to Detroit.

Hirsch had been sidelined by an injury, but things weren't going well against the Lions. In desperation, he was sent in late in the fourth quarter.

As Rams quarterback Bill Wade faded deep to pass, Hirsch got deep, too, and beat Jim David to some daylight. For a moment, it looked like vintage Crazylegs.

He was going to catch another one and take it all the way. But the ball popped off his hands and bounced harmlessly away.

After losing to the Lions, the Rams remained in the area and practiced all week in Dearborn before playing the next Sunday in Chicago.

"We were staying at a beautiful hotel," remembers Mickey Dukich, then, as now, the Rams' film man. "Lots of trees and open spaces, a really pleasant place.

"But every time I looked out the window in the evening, there was Elroy off by himself. He just walked and walked. He spent hours walking by himself.

"That dropped pass really disturbed him. He kept walking alone for hours every night."

A few weeks later, the season was over and Hirsch announced his retirement.

It was the second and final retirement for Hirsch. He first tried it after the 1954 season, leading to one of the most memorable moments of his career.

After the final home game in the Coliseum against Green Bay that year, the fans, thinking it was the last they'd see

Hirsch makes one of his famous full-tilt catches.

of him, mobbed Hirsch.

He started toward the Coliseum tunnel, but didn't quite make it before he was surrounded and couldn't move.

The fans began tearing off his uniform, piece by piece and shred by shred, and for a time, it appeared his arms and legs would be next.

"At first, I was on the edge of panic," Hirsch recalls. "Then, I figured the best thing to do was relax and roll with it. Luckily, they decided not to take my toes and fingers."

In the end, Hirsch stood grinning in the midst of the mob, stripped to his athletic supporter—a portrait for the archives.

"Actually, it was my girdle hip pads I still had on. People have always said I was down to my jock strap. But it was really my girdle," he says.

Most of the papers and magazines got the picture and it went coast to coast. "I'll never forget the caption in *LOOK Magazine*," he says. "'SHORN RAM'."

All part of the legend.

Come to think of it, he always was a legend—starting early and staying late. He strolls around the campus in Madison these days and some of the students act like they're still apt to tear his clothes off and take pieces of him home with them for souvenirs.

He still wears his hair in a crew cut and walks with the bounce of an athlete in the pink, and he'll be 60 next June.

What really established Hirsch was his nickname...and his uniform number, 40. Both were made for him. He wasn't born with them, it just seemed that way.

"That's thirty from forty," he used to say in signing off the nightly radio sports show he had the first couple of years after retiring. He went five nights a week, 5:30 to 5:45 P.M., on KNX in Los Angeles.

He still has the number all around him and even a couple of 40s in his phone number.

And Crazylegs. The name used to drive his Hall of Fame pass catching mate, Fears, a little crazy.

Fears caught more passes than anybody some years and set records himself for receptions in a season and in a single game. But he was more the strong, silent type and never got as much publicity.

Plus, everybody on the Rams but Fears seemed to have a nickname in those days. Waterfield was Buckets and Van Brocklin was Dutch. There also was a Deacon (Dan Towler), a Tank (Paul Younger), a Cricket (Tommy Kalmanir), and a Jumbo Joe (Stydahar).

In recent years, though, Fears has been the first to stand up and testify Hirsch had a lot more than a nickname.

"He's one of the most exciting players I ever saw," Fears now says. "He just had that certain flair that got everybody."

Crazylegs, in any event, was just right for Hirsch.

"Because I walk like a girl," Hirsch scrawled in the questionnaire he filled out his rookie season with the Rams to answer the question how he got his nickname.

Some say a Milwaukee sportswriter named Stoney McGlynn was the first to call him Crazylegs.

But most give *Chicago Daily News* sportswriter Francis Powers the credit.

"Hirsch ran like a demented duck," Powers wrote after Hirsch, then a sophomore, led Wisconsin to a 13-7 victory over Great Lakes at Chicago's Soldier Field in 1942.

"His crazy legs," Powers went on, "were gyrating in six different directions all at the same time" on a 61-yard touchdown run that cemented the Badgers' victory.

Hirsch's running style didn't change much when he got to the pros. "You've heard about the guy who zigged when he should have zagged," says Van Brocklin. "Well, Elroy also had a zog and a couple varieties of zugs when he got rolling full tilt."

But before those legs came into play it was always his hands that got him the opportunity to run. In retrospect, Hirsch is able to analyze the amazing, full-throttle

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overhead catches that were his trademark.

"A lot of people still ask me how I could possibly see behind me on those catches," he says. "Actually, it was a matter of footwork. I got a bead on the ball with my head turned toward it.

"Then, I looked back directly upside down and followed it in. The trick was rather simple. Anyone can learn it.

"You make sure you hold your head steady by not twisting the upper part of your body.

"You adjust direction with your feet."

Does he like the name? Would he rather be called Elroy or Crazylegs?

"Anything is better than Elroy," he says.

Most of his friends long ago shortened the name to Legs and some call him Roy. One sportswriter who followed him through all the glory years on the playing field and through his era in the Rams' front office always called him Mr. Legs.

"Hello, Mr. Legs, what's new?" the sportswriter once asked him.

He never missed a beat. "Don't call me mister," he said. "Call me by my first name—Crazy."

Crazylegs is still running. Even with all the stress of heading an athletic department, all the paper work and meetings, he manages to keep his body tuned to nearly his old NFL program listing of 6 feet 2 inches, 195 pounds.

He plays golf frequently and tennis a couple of times a week—more in the winter, taking advantage of the university's 14 indoor courts.

"And I get in a little half-court basketball," he adds. "Not a lot, but a little."

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In the early 1950s, Hirsch starred in two movies. One was Crazylegs *(1953), his own life story.*

Not bad for a guy pushing 60.

"I feel like forty," he says. (There's that number again.) He said he does a daily 8:30 A.M.–5 P.M. routine in the office and spends at least two nights a week speaking to various booster clubs.

"I love it, I love all of it," he says. "I love the collegiate atmosphere. It keeps you young and there's always something new."

So that's the legend at 59. Just a short way and yet a very long way from where he and it began in Wausau on June 17, 1923.

Son of Mayme and Otto Hirsch, second generation Wausau-born, he inherited the qualities of his family's strong and sturdy German stock.

Otto, the elder Hirsch, labored 45 years at the Wausau Iron Works.

Crazylegs knew early he was going other places. He starred in baseball, basketball, and football at Wausau High, later naming his son for his high school football coach, Win Brockmeyer.

"Win was the single most important influence on my football career," Hirsch has said often. "He taught me early that football is an eleven-man game.

"He taught me a lot of other things, too—trust, the importance of cooperation, courtesy, loyalty."

As a 19-year-old sophomore at Wisconsin in 1942, Hirsch had one of his finest seasons and made All-America for the late Harry Stuhldreher's 8-1-1 Badgers.

But that was his only big season playing for the university of his choice. The planet was changing; with World War II raging he entered the V-12 officer training program as a member of the Marine Corps and was transferred to the University of Michigan.

He did things for Michigan on the athletic fields that had never been done before or since. In 1943, he became the school's only four-sport letterman in the same year, contributing to the football, baseball, track, and basketball varsities.

"The only reason I went out for the Wolverines baseball team was so I could make a trip back to Wisconsin to see Ruth," he says. He'd begun dating the Badger coed, Ruth Katherine Stahmer, during his sophomore year.

It worked out pretty well for all involved. He pitched the Michigan base-

CRAZYLEGS HIRSCH'S STATISTICAL RECORD

PASS RECEIVING

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1946	Chicago (AAFC)	27	347	12.9		3
1947	Chicago (AAFC)	10	282	*28.2		3
1948	Chicago (AAFC)	7	101	14.4		1
1949	Los Angeles	22	326	14.8	48t	4
1950	Los Angeles	42	687	16.4	58t	7
1951	Los Angeles	*66	*1495	*22.7	*91t	#*17
1952	Los Angeles	25	590	23.6	84t	4
1953	Los Angeles	61	941	15.4	70	4
1954	Los Angeles	35	720	20.6	66	3
1955	Los Angeles	25	460	18.4	72t	2
1956	Los Angeles	35	603	17.2	76t	6
1957	Los Angeles	32	477	14.9	45	6
3 Year AAFC Total		44	730	16.6		7
9 Year NFL Total		343	6299	18.4	91t	53
12 Year Career Total		387	7029	18.2	91t	60

SCORING

Year	Team	TD Rush.	TD Rec.	TD Ret.	Total TD	Pat Att.	Pat Made	Pts.
1946	Chicago (AAFC)	1	3	2	6	1	0	36
1947	Chicago (AAFC)	1	3	0	4	0	0	24
1948	Chicago (AAFC)	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
1949	Los Angeles	1	4	1	6	0	0	36
1950	Los Angeles	0	7	0	7	5	5	47
1951	Los Angeles	0	#*17	0	*17	1	0	*102
1952	Los Angeles	0	4	0	4	0	0	24
1953	Los Angeles	0	4	0	4	5	4	28
1954	Los Angeles	0	3	0	3	0	0	18
1955	Los Angeles	0	2	0	2	0	0	12
1956	Los Angeles	0	6	0	6	0	0	36
1957	Los Angeles	0	6	0	6	0	0	36
3 Year AAFC Total		2	7	2	11	1	0	66
9 Year NFL Total		1	53	1	55	11	9	339
12 Year Career Total		3	60	3	66	12	9	405

RUSHING

	TCB	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
3 Year AAFC Total	133	370	2.8		2
9 Year NFL Total	74	317	4.3	51	1
12 Year Career Total	207	687	3.3	51	3

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
3 Year AAFC Total	8	156	19.5		0
9 Year NFL Total	7	95	13.6	32	0
12 Year Career Total	15	251	16.7		0

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
3 Year AAFC Total	21	286	13.6	1
12 Year Career Total	21	286	13.6	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
3 Year AAFC Total	21	566	27.0	1
12 Year Career Total	21	566	27.0	1

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD
3 Year AAFC Total	21	12	57.1	2	156	1
9 Year NFL Total	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
12 Year Career Total	22	12	54.5	2	156	1

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Crazylegs Continued

ball team to the Big 10 championship, compiling a perfect 6-0 record, and he and Ruth eventually married on June 27, 1946, less than a week after his twenty-third birthday.

One week at Michigan, he defeated Buddy Young of Illinois in the long jump and then ran over to the baseball diamond and hurled a one-hit shutout against Ohio State.

Every time somebody starts reciting Hirsch's high school and collegiate athletic feats, Bill Granholm, the NFL's Special Projects Manager, says he expects sportscaster Bill Stern to float back down from heaven and jump behind his old microphone and scream, "Portrait! ...On his death bed, Lincoln asked Crazylegs to invent athletics."

Granholm and Hirsch have been pals since grade school in Wausau.

"He phones every once in a while in the middle of the night and asks, 'How old am I?' " Hirsch says. "Granny never remembers, but he knows I remember and he's a year older than I am, so we can figure it out."

Granholm was the team manager in high school, the equipment manager of the Chicago Rockets of the AAFC when Hirsch was with them, and later joined Crazylegs with the Rams.

Granholm says his favorite homecoming reunion took place in 1943 at the train depot in Wausau, which isn't exactly Grand Central.

Granholm met Hirsch at the station on his return from making All-America two consecutive years for two different schools, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Mr. Legs was a bit of a splendor in a new double-breasted suit and carrying matching luggage. He was beaming ear to ear, quite proud of himself and the splash he'd made upon the collegiate scene.

"Say, you're that Hirsch kid, aren't you?" the station master asked.

"Yes, that's right," Crazylegs said, puffing up and grinning some more.

"Say, that's pretty nice luggage you've got," the station master said. "Are you going someplace, son?"

"It was a timely message," Granholm says with a laugh of his own. "It helped him get things back into perspective...and he did...and he's always kept them there."

Crazylegs went back and finished his junior year at Michigan with one more spectacular day. In the conference track championships in Champaign, Illinois, he had time only to long jump in the trials.

He got in his jumps and then piled into a station wagon and drove 130 miles to Bloomington, Indiana, to arrive just in time to shut out the Hoosiers in the second game of a doubleheader to win the Big 10 baseball championship.

They came running to him in the ninth inning to tell him his long jump mark in the trials had held up for a third-place finish to give Michigan the track championship, too.

The El Toro Marines in southern California got Hirsch the next two years, interrupting his education. With him on the squad, El Toro became one of the finest of the service football powers. (Hirsch eventually got his college diploma at Baldwin-Wallace.)

Following his Marine Corps stint, he was drafted number one in early 1946 by both the Rams of the NFL and Chicago Rockets of the All-America Football Conference. Hirsch then made one of the few mistakes of his life.

It was more an emotional choice than a logical one. Dick Hanley, his coach at El Toro, had taken the job as coach of the Rockets and Elroy agreed to follow him

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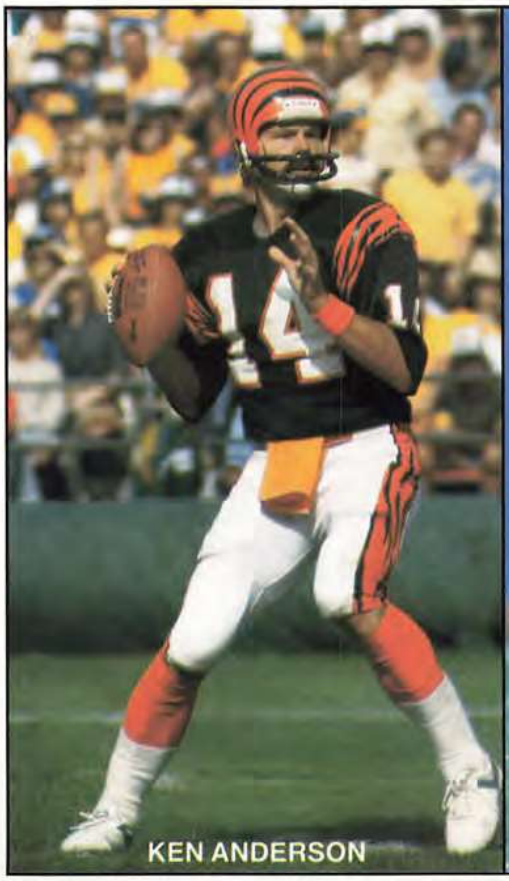
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to Chicago to begin his pro career.

Crazylegs got a $500 bonus and a salary of $7,000. He also got a torn knee, a pinched nerve in his shoulder, a strained ankle, a bad back, and a fractured skull in three seasons of battering as the Rockets bumbled and stumbled to dismal records of 5-6-3, 1-13, and 1-13.

The fractured skull nearly ended his pro career before it began.

It happened in 1948 in a game against the Cleveland Browns. At first, they didn't realize how serious it was. The head injury merely forced him out of the game and he was taken to the hospital for precautionary X-rays and then released.

The next morning in his Chicago apartment, he was listening to a news broadcast on radio when the phone rang.

"Stop whatever you're doing and get into bed immediately," Dr. Sylvan Solartz said. "We've just discovered you have a fractured skull. Don't move until we get there."

It was a hard time. The crack over his right ear proved to be a difficult one. It was slow healing. He was in the hospital until February, and when he got out he was shocked to learn his coordination had vanished. He tried to work out and he couldn't throw or catch a football. At 25, he thought he was finished. But he kept at it.

Slowly, his reflexes came back and by late summer in 1949, his Rockets contract having expired, he felt he was well enough to accept the $12,000 salary offered by the Rams. He joined the team with the preseason in progress.

Ironically, by going to the Rockets, he'd had one glorious fling at the expense of the Rams, maybe the greatest game he ever played—the Chicago All-Star Game in August of 1946.

As defending champs of the NFL, having defeated the Washington Redskins for the 1945 title while still located in Cleveland, the Rams were the opposition for the collegians in the annual classic that's no longer played. (The game died of natural causes because the pros simply improved too much to be allowed on the same field with the college kids.)

The 1946 game was the first for the Rams as the Los Angeles Rams, so they wanted to make a good impression for their new hometown.

It didn't quite work out that way.

Along with his induction to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1968, Hirsch said he still regards that All-Star night in Chicago as the most thrilling of his life.

"The games were games. They were fun and exciting," he says. "But the other two things, the Hall of Fame induction and All-Star night, were *moments*. I still get a chill when I think about either one of them.

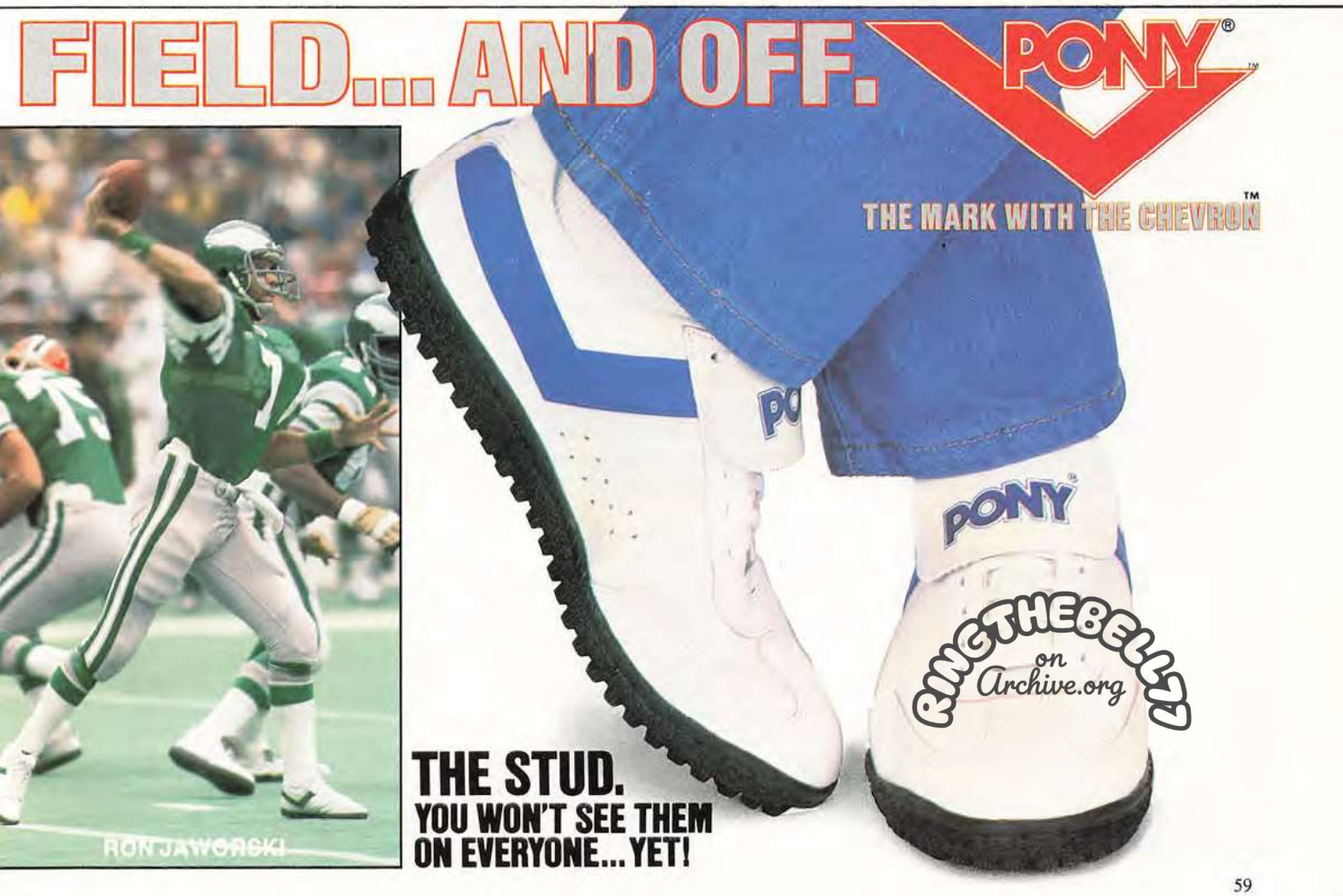
"It wasn't the game in Chicago....It was simply the introductions. They used to turn out all the lights and put just one spot on each player as he was called out onto the field.

"And as they introduced each starter, they played his school song. I can still feel it as they called my name and started playing 'On Wisconsin.'

"I can still feel the tingle."

Hirsch really set things tingling once he touched the ball. He reeled off a 68-yard run for one touchdown and caught a 62-yard pass from quarterback Otto Graham (of Northwestern) for another. He also played some inspired defense on a half-dozen key plays and was named the game's most valuable player after leading the collegians to a rare victory, 16-0.

Once playing with the Rams rather than against them, however, his magic wasn't instant. He was used as a halfback his first season. The Rams were loaded with star running backs, so he



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was just one of the crowd.

Hickey was the first to notice that Hirsch's pass-catching skills were superior to his halfback running abilities. But at first he couldn't convince Clark Shaughnessy, then the head coach, that Hirsch should be switched to end.

Aware of Hirsch's injuries with the ill-fated Rockets, Shaughnessy regarded him as too fragile to play end, where he wanted his toughest blockers.

But Stydahar replaced Shaughnessy as head coach before the 1950 season and he listened to Hickey. He flanked Hirsch out wide on one side, and split Bob Boyd on the other, leaving Fears in tight. And thus the NFL's three-end offense was born.

So that's the way it all came together in 1950: Hall of Fame quarterbacks Waterfield and Van Brocklin throwing to Hall of Fame receivers Hirsch and Fears —and that year Fears set the NFL record by making 84 receptions (Hirsch had 42 receptions that season).

The next year, 1951, Crazylegs led the league in everything—catching 66 passes for a (then) record 1,495 yards, and tying Don Hutson's record of 17 touchdowns.

The biggest single moment for Crazylegs that season was probably the Chicago game. The Rams were in a must-win situation with the Bears and immediately got rocked back on their horns.

The Bears jumped to a 14-0 lead and seemed on the edge of blowing the Rams away.

Then, with a first down on the Los Angeles 9 following the kickoff after the Bears' second touchdown, Waterfield faked a handoff and faded into the end zone as Crazylegs raced for the other end zone.

Waterfield threw for the moon and Hirsch, at full tilt wearing his invisible Willie Mays glove, took the pass over his head at about the 50 and sprinted on like a demented duck the rest of the way for a 91-yard touchdown, the longest of his career.

The Rams went on to demolish the Bears 42-17.

That play was typical of what Rams fans were seeing most every Sunday. All those who were in the Coliseum that season have never gotten over it. There was nothing quite like that time....

On top of everything else, Hirsch had starring roles in two movies while he was still at his peak with the Rams. He made *Crazylegs, All-American* with Lloyd Nolan and Joanne Vohs in 1953 for Hall Bartlett, and a prison drama, *Unchained* with Chester Morris and Barbara Hale, in 1955.

They really weren't so bad, as such films from the period go, but his life was football and he and the Wausau station master always knew it.

"I owe everything I have to football," Hirsch says. "My education, all my experience, my first paychecks, and the opening of doors.

"We didn't make anything like the players today, but it was another time.

"I think we had more fun than the players do now. We enjoyed the game more and we enjoyed each other more.

"I can't remember a time after any game when the majority of the players and their wives didn't get together at a restaurant or somebody's home."

It was a likely climax to the Crazylegs chapter of Rams history that in his last season, 1957, he combined his magic with that of rookie Jon Arnett, a hot new hometown box-office attraction drafted out of USC, to help set the team's regular-season attendance record in the game against the San Francisco 49ers.

After two years in radio and working in advertising for Union Oil, Hirsch rejoined the Rams as general manager in 1960, succeeding Pete Rozelle, who left to become NFL Commissioner.

He remained a front office force with the Rams for nine years until Wisconsin called him home. He became athletic director at the University where his sports career truly began, on February 28, 1969.

"No regrets," says Hirsch. "I don't think I have any regrets at all."

His son Win, now 32, lives in Los Angeles, and a daughter, Pat, 25, is a recent graduate of Wisconsin.

He and Ruth still go dancing.

Even the worst of times seem like the best of times when looking back.

In the 1950s, the travel was by train or piston-driven aircraft. Flights from Los Angeles to New York took more than nine hours.

"The Rams had been losing money for a couple of years, so they got a charter agreement with Flying Tiger Airlines," Hirsch says.

"They took the regular DC-4 cargo planes and put seats in them. I don't think the seats reclined and we couldn't fly very high to get over bad weather. An awful lot of the guys got sick because it was so bumpy.

"But we laughed a lot. We never stopped laughing and having fun."

To this day. ■

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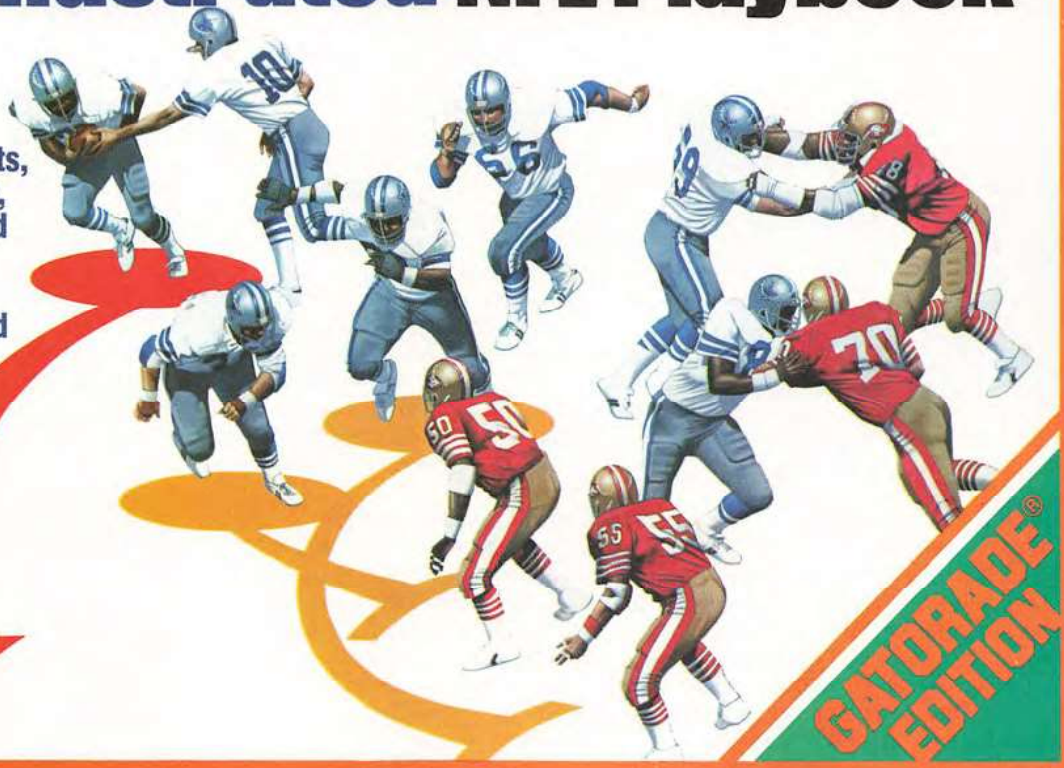

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Super Bowl Champions

A 16-YEAR HISTORY OF PRO FOOTBALL'S BIGGEST GAME

SUPER BOWL I, JANUARY 15, 1967

Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10, at Los Angeles, 61,946—The Packers and the Chiefs met in the "First AFL-NFL World Championship Game"; official use of the term "Super Bowl" was still two years away. Bart Starr threw for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Max McGee had seven receptions for 138 yards and a pair of scores. Behind Willie Wood's interception and the running of Elijah Pitts, the Packers broke open a close game with two third-quarter touchdowns. Starr was named the game's most valuable player.

Bart Starr: Most valuable player in Game II.

SUPER BOWL II, JANUARY 14, 1968

Green Bay 33, Oakland 14, at Miami, 75,546—Starr passed for 202 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown to Boyd Dowler. Starr earned his second Super Bowl most valuable player award, as he led the Packers to their second straight world title. The Packers' Don Chandler kicked four field goals and Herb Adderley offset the passing show of the Raiders' Daryle Lamonica (15 of 34 for 208 yards) by returning an interception 60 yards for Green Bay's last score. The game marked the end of Vince Lombardi's career as head coach of the Packers.

SUPER BOWL III, JANUARY 12, 1969

N.Y. Jets 16, Baltimore 7, at Miami, 75,389—At a sports dinner at Miami Springs Villa the Thursday night before the game, Jets quarterback Joe Namath said, "We're going to win Sunday. I'll guarantee you." The Jets made good on Namath's promise. Their defense shackled the Colts' offense, forcing five turnovers, including four interceptions, and fullback Matt Snell powered his way for 121 yards and the Jets' only touchdown. For his part, Namath completed 17 of 28 passes for 206 yards and was named the game's most valuable player.

SUPER BOWL IV, JANUARY 11, 1970

Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7, at New Orleans, 80,562—Kansas City, sparked by Len Dawson's superb quarterbacking, Jan Stenerud's kicking, and an inpenetrable defense, built a 16-0 halftime lead in its victory over Minnesota that evened the Super Bowl series at two victories each for the NFL and AFL. Dawson, the fourth consecutive quarterback to be chosen the game's most valuable player, completed 12 of 17 passes for 142 yards, one a 46-yard scoring pass to Otis Taylor in the fourth quarter. The Chiefs' defense held the Vikings to only 67 yards rushing and intercepted three passes.

SUPER BOWL V, JANUARY 17, 1971

Baltimore 16, Dallas 13, at Miami, 79,204—The NFL realigned for the 1970 season, and Baltimore, representing the American Football Conference, defeated the National Football Conference's Dallas Cowboys on a 32-yard field goal by Jim O'Brien with five seconds remaining in the game. The field goal was set up by an interception by Baltimore linebacker Mike Curtis. In a game marred by 11 turnovers, Dallas linebacker Chuck Howley became the first defensive player (and still the only member of the losing team) to win the most valuable player award.

Otis Taylor's third-quarter touchdown catch and run put Game IV out of reach.

Duane Thomas led Dallas rushers in Game VI.

SUPER BOWL VI, JANUARY 16, 1972

Dallas 24, Miami 3, at New Orleans, 81,023—Dallas had been one of the strongest teams in the NFL for five years, losing to Green Bay in the NFL Championship Games in 1966 and 1967 and to Baltimore in Super Bowl V. The Cowboys finally won the big one, as they dominated the young Miami Dolphins in Game VI. Roger Staubach, the game's most valuable player, completed 12 of 19 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns, and Duane Thomas and Walt Garrison combined for 169 yards rushing. The Cowboys' defense held Miami to only 185 total yards.

Jake Scott had two interceptions in Game VII.

SUPER BOWL VII, JANUARY 14, 1973

Miami 14, Washington 7, at Los Angeles, 90,182—The Dolphins became the first team in NFL history to complete a perfect season (including the regular season and playoffs), going 17-0. Behind a powerhouse rushing attack, Miami built up a 14-0 halftime lead and held the Redskins scoreless until the last three minutes of the game. Miami safety Jake Scott, who had two interceptions, was named the game's most valuable player.

SUPER BOWL VIII, JANUARY 13, 1974

Miami 24, Minnesota 7, at Houston, 71,882—The defending champion Dolphins controlled the game from the outset. They scored the first two times they had the ball and coasted to a victory over the Vikings. Miami became the first team since Green Bay to win consecutive Super Bowls and set a record with its third straight appearance. Larry Csonka rushed 33 times for a record 145 yards and two touchdowns to win the most valuable player award.

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SUPER BOWL IX, JANUARY 12, 1975

Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6, at New Orleans, 80,997—The Steelers ended a 42-year wait for a championship by totally shutting down the Vikings with a record-setting defensive performance. The Steel Curtain defense limited Minnesota to 17 yards rushing on 21 carries, and intercepted Fran Tarkenton three times. Meanwhile, Pittsburgh's Franco Harris set Super Bowl records by rushing 34 times for 158 yards and earned the most valuable player award. The Steelers led 2-0 at halftime on a safety scored when Dwight White tackled Tarkenton in the end zone.

SUPER BOWL X, JANUARY 18, 1976

Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17, at Miami, 80,187—Dallas became the first wild card team to play in the Super Bowl, but it was the Steelers, not the Cowboys, who became the third team to win two Super Bowls. Terry Bradshaw threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann with three minutes left for the deciding points. Swann caught four passes for a record 161 yards and was named most valuable player. The Steelers' defense sacked Roger Staubach seven times and intercepted three of his passes.

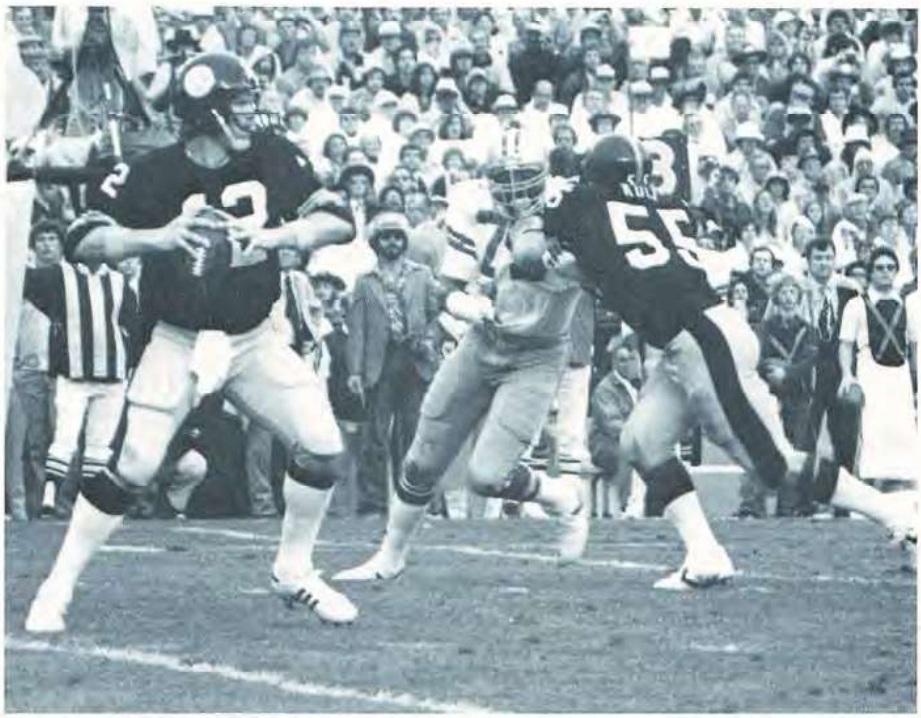
Oakland's defense contained the Vikings.

SUPER BOWL XI, JANUARY 9, 1977

Oakland 32, Minnesota 14, at Pasadena, 103,438—Behind the rushing of Clarence Davis (137 yards), the passing of Ken Stabler (12 of 19 for 180 yards), and the clutch receptions of Fred Biletnikoff (four for 79 yards), the Raiders set Super Bowl records for most yards total offense (429) and most rushing yards (266). Biletnikoff was the game's most valuable player. The Vikings' loss was their fourth without a victory in the Super Bowl.

SUPER BOWL XII, JANUARY 15, 1978

Dallas 27, Denver 10, at New Orleans, 75,583—Dallas's Doomsday II defense overshadowed Denver's more publicized Orange Crush to lead the Cowboys to their second world title. Dallas forced eight turnovers, sacked Denver quarterbacks Craig Morton and Norris Weese four times, and limited the Broncos to 156 net yards. End Harvey Martin and tackle Randy White, the right side of the Dallas defensive line, shared the most valuable player award. Roger Staubach completed 17 of 25 passes for 183 yards and one touchdown to lead the Cowboys' offense, which netted 325 yards overall.



Terry Bradshaw passed for 318 yards to lead Pittsburgh to victory over Dallas in Super Bowl XIII.

SUPER BOWL XIII, JANUARY 21, 1979

Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31, at Miami, 79,484—Pittsburgh became the first team—and Chuck Noll the first coach—to win three Super Bowls as the Steelers held off the Cowboys in the highest scoring game in Super Bowl history. The game also was the first Super Bowl rematch. Terry Bradshaw, who was voted the game's most valuable player, threw for 318 yards and four touchdowns to outperform Roger Staubach, who passed for 228 yards and three scores. Dallas scored twice in the final two-and-one-half minutes of the game, but Rocky Bleier recovered an onside kick with 17 seconds left to seal the Steelers' victory.

SUPER BOWL XIV, JANUARY 20, 1980

Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19, at Pasadena, 103,985—Bradshaw threw for 309 yards and two touchdowns, gained his second most valuable player award, and led a fourth-quarter rally as the Steelers came from behind to win an unprecedented fourth Super Bowl title before a record crowd. The Rams led 19-17 in the fourth quarter of the seesaw game, mainly on the passing of Vince Ferragamo, who threw for 212 yards.

John Stallworth's touchdown beat the Rams.

SUPER BOWL XV, JANUARY 25, 1981

Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10, at New Orleans, 76,135—The Raiders' defense, led by linebacker Rod Martin's three interceptions, controlled the tempo of the game and set up 10 points to lead Oakland to victory. Jim Plunkett threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns—one on an 80-yard pass to Kenny King—to earn most valuable player honors. After the Raiders scored twice in the first quarter, the Eagles were never able to get back into the game.

Dan Bunz's hit saved Game XVI for the 49ers.

SUPER BOWL XVI, JANUARY 24, 1982

San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21, at Pontiac, 81,270—The San Francisco defense came up with big plays throughout the game, including a four-play goal-line stand in the third quarter, to stave off the Bengals' explosive offense. The 49ers built a 20-0 halftime lead before quarterback Ken Anderson brought the Bengals back in the second half. Anderson set a Super Bowl record by completing 25 passes (for 300 yards and two touchdowns). The Bengals outgained the 49ers 356 yards to 275. San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana earned most valuable player honors. He completed 14 of 22 passes for 157 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for a score.

Super Bowl Records

Individual Records

Service

Most games
5 Larry Cole, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Marv Fleming, Green Bay, I, II; Miami, VI, VII, VIII
Cliff Harris, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
D. D. Lewis, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Preston Pearson, Baltimore, III; Pittsburgh, IX; Dallas, X, XII, XIII
Charlie Waters, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Rayfield Wright, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
4 By many players

Most games, winning team
4 By many players

Most games, coach
5 Tom Landry, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
4 Don Shula, Baltimore, III; Miami, VI, VII, VIII
Harry (Bud) Grant, Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI
Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most games, winning team, coach
4 Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV
2 Vince Lombardi, Green Bay, I, II
Don Shula, Miami, VII, VIII
Tom Landry, Dallas, VI, XII

Scoring

Most points, career
24 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-td)
20 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (8-pat, 4-fg)

Most points, game
15 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II (3-pat, 4-fg)

Most touchdowns, career
4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-r)
3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)

Most touchdowns, game
2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-p)
Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-r)
Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II (2-p)
Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (2-r)
Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (2-r)
John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (2-p)
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (2-r)
Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (2-p)
Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (2-p)

Most points after touchdown, career
8 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (8 att)
Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games (9 att)
5 Garo Yepremian, Miami, 3 games (5 att)

Most points after touchdowns, game
5 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (5 att)
Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (5 att)

Most field goals attempted, career
7 Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games
6 Jim Turner, N. Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games

Most field goals attempted, game
5 Jim Turner, N. Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Efren Herrera, Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals, career
4 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (4 att)
Jim Turner, N. Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games (6 att)
Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 1 game (4 att)
3 Mike Clark, Dallas, 2 games (3 att)
Jan Stenerud, Kansas City, 1 game (3 att)

Most field goals, game
4 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Longest field goal
48 Jan Stenerud, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Most safeties, game
1 Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX
Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Rushing

Most attempts, career
101 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
57 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most attempts, game
34 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most yards gained, career
354 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
297 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
158 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Longest run from scrimmage
58 Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. N. Y. Jets, III

Highest average gain, career (20 attempts)
5.3 Walt Garrison, Dallas, 2 games (26-139)
5.2 Tony Dorsett, Dallas, 2 games (31-162)

Highest average gain, game (10 attempts)

I	Jan. 15, 1967	Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
II	Jan. 14, 1968	Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
III	Jan. 12, 1969	New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7
IV	Jan. 11, 1970	Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
V	Jan. 17, 1971	Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
VI	Jan. 16, 1972	Dallas 24, Miami 3
VII	Jan. 14, 1973	Miami 14, Washington 7
VIII	Jan. 13, 1974	Miami 24, Minnesota 7
IX	Jan. 12, 1975	Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
X	Jan. 18, 1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
XI	Jan. 9, 1977	Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
XII	Jan. 15, 1978	Dallas 27, Denver 10
XIII	Jan. 21, 1979	Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
XIV	Jan. 20, 1980	Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19
XV	Jan. 25, 1981	Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
XVI	Jan. 24, 1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21

Cincinnati's Ross: most receptions in a game.

10.5 Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. N. Y. Jets, III (11-116)

Most touchdowns, career
4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay, 1 game
Jim Kiick, Miami, 3 games
Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games
Pete Banaszak, Oakland, 2 games

Most touchdowns, game
2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Passing

Most attempts, career
98 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
89 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most attempts, game
38 Ron Jaworski, Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV

Most completions, career
61 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
49 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most completions, game
25 Ken Anderson, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Highest completion percentage, career (40 attempts)
63.6 Len Dawson, Kansas City, 2 games (44-28)
63.4 Bob Griese, Miami, 3 games (41-26)

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
73.5 Ken Anderson, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Most yards gained, career
932 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
734 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
318 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Longest completion
80 Jim Plunkett (to King), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (40 attempts)
11.10 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games (84-932)
9.62 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-452)

Highest average gain, game (20 attempts)
14.71 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (21-309)

Most touchdown passes, career
9 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
8 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most touchdown passes, game
4 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Lowest percentage, passes had intercepted, career (40 attempts)
2.13 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-1)
4.08 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games (98-4)

Most attempts, without interception, game
28 Joe Namath, N. Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III

Most interceptions, career
7 Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver, 2 games
6 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most interceptions, game
4 Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Pass Receptions

Most receptions, career
16 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
15 Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 3 games

Most receptions, game
11 Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most yards gained, career
364 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
268 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
161 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Longest reception
80 Kenny King (from Plunkett), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (8 receptions)
24.4 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (11-268)
22.8 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (16-364)

Highest average gain, game (3 receptions)
40.3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (3-121)

Most touchdowns, career
3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
2 Max McGee, Green Bay, 2 games
Bill Miller, Oakland, 1 game
Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games
Cliff Branch, Oakland, 2 games
Dan Ross, Cincinnati, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II
John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Punting

Most punts, career
17 Mike Eischeid, Oakland-Minnesota, 3 games
15 Larry Seiple, Miami, 3 games

Most punts, game
9 Ron Widby, Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Longest punt
61 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Green Bay, I

Highest average, career (10 punts)
46.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City, 2 games
41.3 Larry Seiple, Miami, 3 games

Highest average, game (4 punts)
48.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Punt Returns

Most punt returns, career
6 Willie Wood, Green Bay, 2 games
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
Theo Bell, Pittsburgh, 2 games
4 By seven players

Most punt returns, game
5 Willie Wood, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II

Most fair catches, game
3 Ron Gardin, Baltimore vs. Dallas, V
Golden Richards, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Most yards gained, career
45 Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
44 Theo Bell, Pittsburgh, 2 games

Most yards gained, game
43 Neal Colzie, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Longest return
31 Willie Wood, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II

Highest average, career (4 returns)
10.8 Neal Colzie, Oakland, 1 game
8.8 Mike Fuller, Cincinnati, 1 game

Highest average, game (3 returns)
11.3 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most touchdowns, game
None

Kickoff Returns

Most kickoff returns, career
8 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
7 Preston Pearson, Baltimore-Pittsburgh-Dallas,

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5 games

Most kickoff returns, game
5 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Billy Campfield, Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV
David Verser, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most yards gained, career
207 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
123 Eugene (Mercury) Morris, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
162 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Longest return
67 Rick Upchurch, Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Highest average, career (4 returns)
25.9 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
22.5 Jim Duncan, Baltimore, 1 game

Highest average, game (3 returns)
32.4 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Most touchdowns, game
None

Interceptions By

Most interceptions by, career
3 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Rod Martin, Oakland, 1 game
2 Handy Beverly, N. Y. Jets, 1 game
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
Mike Wagner, Pittsburgh, 3 games
Mel Blount, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most interceptions by, game
3 Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Most yards gained, career
75 Willie Brown, Oakland, 2 games
63 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Longest return
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Herb Adderley, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Fumbles

Most fumbles, career
5 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most fumbles, game
3 Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Most fumbles recovered, career
2 Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games (1 own, 1 opp)
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games (2 own)
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (2 own)
Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Bobby Walden, Pittsburgh, 2 games (2 own)
John Fitzgerald, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas, 3 games (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games (2 own)

Most fumbles recovered, game
2 Jake Scott, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (1 own, 1 opp)
Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 own)

Most yards gained, game
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp)

Longest return
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp 49 yds)
Mike Hegman, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII (opp 37 yds)

Combined Net Yards Gained

Most attempts, career
108 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
60 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most attempts, game
35 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most yards gained, career
468 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
391 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
163 Sammy White, Minnesota vs. Oakland, XI

Team Records

Games, Victories, Defeats

Most games
5 Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII

Most consecutive games
3 Miami, VI, VII, VIII

Most games won
4 Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most consecutive games won
2 Green Bay, I, II
Miami, VII, VIII
Pittsburgh, IX, X; XIII, XIV

Most games lost
4 Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI

Most consecutive games lost
2 Minnesota, VIII, IX

Scoring

Most points, game
35 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Fewest points, game
3 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most points, both teams, game
66 Pittsburgh (35) vs. Dallas (31), XIII

Fewest points, both teams, game
21 Washington (7) vs. Miami (14), VII

Most points, each half
1st: 21 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
2nd: 21 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most points, each quarter
1st: 14 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
2nd: 16 Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
3rd: 14 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
4th: 14 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X; vs. Dallas, XIII; vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most points, both teams, each half
1st: 35 Pittsburgh (21) vs. Dallas (14), XIII
2nd: 31 Dallas (17) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most points, both teams, each quarter
1st: 14 Miami (14) vs. Minnesota (0), VIII
Dallas (7) vs. Pittsburgh (7), X, XIII
Oakland (14) vs. Philadelphia (0), XV
2nd: 21 Pittsburgh (14) vs. Dallas (7), XIII
3rd: 17 Denver (10) vs. Dallas (7), XII
4th: 28 Dallas (14) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most touchdowns, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N. Y. Jets (1), III

Most points after touchdown, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Most points after touchdown, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest points after touchdown, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N. Y. Jets (1), III
Baltimore (1) vs. Dallas (1), V
Minnesota (0) vs. Pittsburgh (2), IX

Most field goals attempted, game
5 N. Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals attempted, both teams, game
7 N. Y. Jets (5) vs. Baltimore (2), III

Fewest field goals attempted, both teams, game
1 Minnesota (0) vs. Miami (1), VIII

Most field goals, game
4 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Most field goals, both teams, game
4 Green Bay (4) vs. Oakland (0), II
San Francisco (4) vs. Cincinnati (0), XVI

Fewest field goals, both teams, game
0 Miami vs. Washington, VII
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most safeties, game
1 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX; vs. Dallas, X

Net Yards Gained Rushing and Passing

Most yards gained, game
429 Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Fewest yards gained, game
119 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
782 Oakland (429) vs. Minnesota (353), XI

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
452 Minnesota (119) vs. Pittsburgh (333), IX

Rushing

Most attempts, game
57 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Fewest attempts, game
19 Kansas City vs. Green Bay, I
Minnesota vs. Kansas City, IV

Most attempts, both teams, game
78 Pittsburgh (57) vs. Minnesota (21), IX
Oakland (52) vs. Minnesota (26), XI

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
52 Kansas City (19) vs. Green Bay (33), I

Most yards gained, game
266 Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Fewest yards gained, game
17 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
337 Oakland (266) vs. Minnesota (71), XI

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
171 Baltimore (69) vs. Dallas (102), V

Highest average gain, game
6.22 Baltimore vs. N. Y. Jets, III (23-143)

Lowest average gain, game
0.81 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX (21-17)

Most touchdowns, game
3 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 By eleven teams

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
4 Miami (3) vs. Minnesota (1), VIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
0 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X
Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Passing

Most attempts, game
44 Minnesota vs. Oakland, XI

Fewest attempts, game
7 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Most attempts, both teams, game
70 Baltimore (41) vs. N. Y. Jets (29), III

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
35 Miami (7) vs. Minnesota (28), VIII

Most completions, game
25 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Fewest completions, game
6 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Most completions, both teams, game
39 Cincinnati (25) vs. San Francisco (14), XVI

Fewest completions, both teams, game
20 Pittsburgh (9) vs. Minnesota (11), IX

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
73.5 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Lowest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
32.0 Denver vs. Dallas, XII (25-8)

Most yards gained, game
309 Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Fewest yards gained, game
35 Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
551 Philadelphia (291) vs. Oakland (260), XV

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
156 Miami (69) vs. Washington (87), VII

Most times tackled, attempting passes, game
7 Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Fewest times tackled, attempting passes, game
0 Baltimore vs. N. Y. Jets, III; vs. Dallas, V
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV

Most times tackled, attempting passes, both teams, game
9 Kansas City (6) vs. Green Bay (3), I
Dallas (7) vs. Pittsburgh (2), X
Dallas (5) vs. Denver (4), XII
Dallas (5) vs. Pittsburgh (4), XIII

Fewest times tackled, attempting passes, both teams, game
1 Philadelphia (0), vs. Oakland (1), XV

Most touchdowns, game
4 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 By nine teams

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
7 Pittsburgh (4) vs. Dallas (3), XIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
0 N. Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Punting

Most punts, game
9 Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Fewest punts, game
2 Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Most punts, both teams, game
13 Dallas (9) vs. Baltimore (4), V
Pittsburgh (7) vs. Minnesota (6), IX

Fewest punts, both teams, game
6 Oakland (3) vs. Philadelphia (3), XV

Highest average, game (4 punts)
48.5 Kansas City, IV

Lowest average, game (4 punts)
31.2 Washington, VII

Interceptions by

Most interceptions by, game
4 N. Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most interceptions by, both teams, game
6 Baltimore (3) vs. Dallas (3), V

Most yards gained, game
95 Miami vs. Washington, VII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
95 Miami (95) vs. Washington (0), VII

Most touchdowns, game
1 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

The 1983 Mercedes-Benz 300 D Turbodiesel: America's best-performing diesel is also one of the world's most civilized sedans.

A diesel that loves hills and sprints away from stoplights... a sedan that laps up sports car roads. The 300 D Turbodiesel is both. Meanwhile, it coddles you and your passengers in that secure comfort unique to the automobiles of Mercedes-Benz.

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The 300 D Turbodiesel is meanwhile perhaps the most *conscientious* performance automobile in America, because it is so inherently efficient that EPA figures show 27 mpg city estimated and 33 highway* An almost uncanny *balance* of power and frugality is thus struck.

So exotic is engine technology that the interior of each moving piston is constantly cooled by precisely timed jets of oil. But deep down this is still a diesel: a rugged, reliability-minded diesel that will never require a conventional tune-up.

Do not disturb

Over-the-road performance is superb. This means not only that the 300 D can swallow up roller-coaster back-country roads, and nip rather than lurch around corners–but that its occupants usually feel so *undisturbed* in the process.

Generations of Mercedes-Benz engineers have toiled since 1931 to develop, refine, and refine again the principle of four-wheel independent suspension that is primarily responsible.

These engineers have endowed the car with an exquisitely responsive steering mechanism, guided by 24 recirculating ball bearings. It feels liquid-smooth and seemingly frictionless. The shift lever is mounted down on the transmission tunnel–but look again. The quadrant reads P-R-N-D-S-L. It is no mere automatic but a four-speed automatic, and is designed to serve equally well when shifted by hand. America's most advanced automotive braking system is four-wheel *disc* braking. An 11-inch disc brake is fitted to every wheel of every 300 D Turbodiesel Sedan.

Mercedes-Benz engineers care little if the outside world knows that total swept brake area is a massive 456.5 square inches, or that the 300 D's front suspension geometry is devised to help minimize front-end "nose diving" in hard stops. Their main concern is that the driver is better served by these and myriad other technical flourishes.

Designed, not decorated

Even when fully padded and finished, the interior of the 300 D's welded steel body shell measures almost five feet in width–sufficient to easily accommodate three adults in the rear seating area, for example. Electronic cruise control, AM/FM stereo radio/cassette player, automatic climate control system and electric window lifts–whatever conventional luxury sedans furnish by way of real conveniences, so does this sedan.

Garishness, however, is absent. The instrument panel is no entertainment center twinkling with gadgetry but an exercise in ergonomics, meant to ease the driver's task by simplifying it.

The engineers continuously strive to make driver controls fewer and less awkward to use, and so reduce driving complexity. Item: the single steering-column lever that lets you perform nine different driving functions–without taking your hands off the wheel.

Seats are not designed to *look* luxurious but to so support your body that you *feel* relaxed, even after an all-day drive.

Interior wood trim is genuine wood from the Mercedes-Benz shops, handworked and fitted and finished. A small thing, but it epitomizes this car's unremitting honesty of character–as its 120 built-in safety features epitomize its seriousness of character.

The luxury of retained value

The 300 D Turbodiesel boasts a final and powerful distinction. As a Mercedes-Benz, it shares a name so coveted by American buyers today that after the first three years, the *entire Mercedes-Benz line*–not just a few isolated models–has been shown to retain an average of 84 percent of original value.

If retained value is a form of luxury, then perhaps the 300 D Turbodiesel *is*, after all, a luxury car.

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The Lore of the Rings

How the 49ers' Super Bowl XVI rings were made

Photographs by Thomas Croke Text by Jim Natal

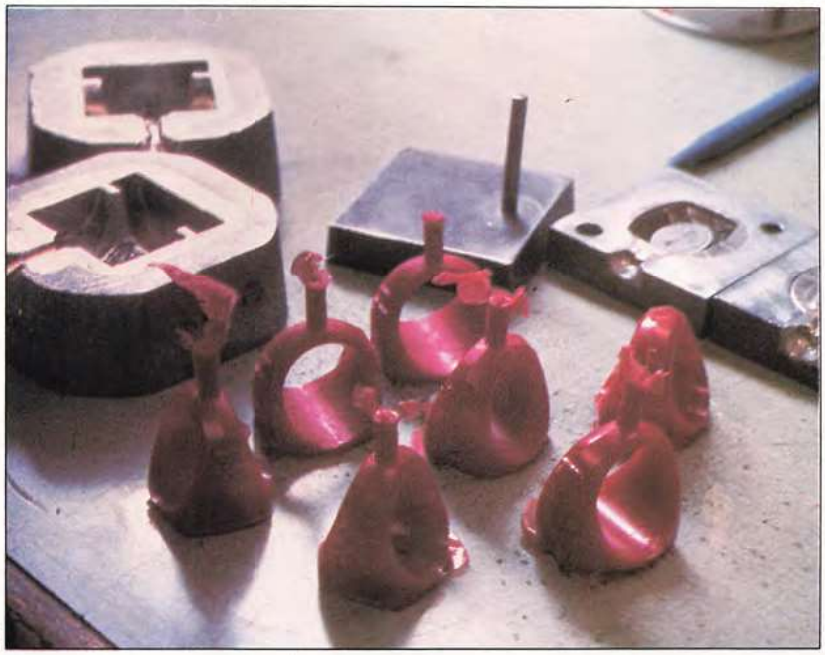
The competition for contracts to make Super Bowl rings is almost as keen as the struggle to reach the game itself. Perennial contract finalists Balfour and Josten's, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys of athletic awards companies, go at it year after year with jewelry designs instead of game plans. This past sports year (1981-82) belonged to Balfour, which pulled off a "grand slam" of sorts by being chosen to produce the world championship rings for the Los Angeles Dodgers (1981), Los Angeles Lakers, and New York Islanders, as well as for the Super Bowl XVI champion San Francisco 49ers.

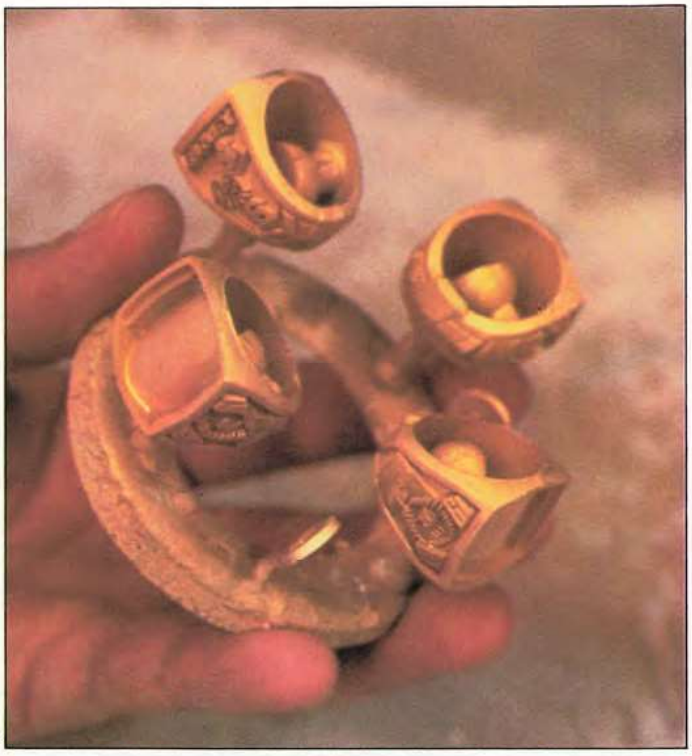
"I think one of the deciding factors in the 49ers' choosing our design," says Balfour's director of design, Norman Shorrock, "was the Golden Gate Bridge motif we proposed for the shank. They originally were leaning toward using a cable car image, but a cable car is not graceful. The bridge is."

According to Shorrock, who has been with Balfour for 36 years and has been involved in the designing of all four of the company's Super Bowl rings, the Super Bowl XVI ring is based on the New York Jets' ring from Super Bowl III.

"Except," Shorrock says, "there are many more diamonds, which means much more stone setting and a lot more work on each individual ring."

***Top**: Each 49ers Super Bowl XVI ring contains more than two carats of diamonds and is valued at approximately $5,000. **Bottom left**: The Balfour complex, located in Attleboro, Massachusetts, has been the point of origin of three other Super Bowl rings—the New York Jets (Game III), the Dallas Cowboys (Game VI), and the Pittsburgh Steelers (Game X). **Bottom right**: Norman Shorrock, Balfour's director of design (right), discusses proposed rings with staff artists David Palmer (far left) and Mike Altomari.*





1. *The manufacture of a Super Bowl ring begins with the making of detailed wax ring patterns. Hot wax is injected into two-piece metal molds of the shank (the part of the ring surrounding the finger) and the base (the top part of the ring, in which the stones are set). After cooling, the wax patterns are removed and are ready to be sized.* ***2.*** *Each 49ers player's name appears on one shank of the ring, along with a San Francisco helmet and the team nickname. The other shank features a football superimposed on the Golden Gate Bridge above the game score and logotype.* ***3.*** *The rings are split on the palm side, sized on a finger-sized arbor, then re-sealed with wax.* ***4.*** *In preparation for mold-making, the wax ring patterns are glued onto wax "tree" forms.* ***5.*** *The tree forms go into metal containers, into which liquid plaster is then poured.* ***6.*** *The plaster-filled cans are set in a low-temperature oven overnight. The plaster hardens and the wax melts and runs out, forming perfect casts of the rings.* ***7.*** *Gold is melted in crucibles. Meanwhile, the casting cans have been removed from the oven and placed in a casting machine. There, the molten gold is poured into the plaster ring casts. Centrifugal force is applied in the casting machine to ensure even distribution of gold and to remove any bubbles.* ***8.*** *When the gold has set, the casting cans are placed under a water gun, which sprays off all the plaster. The rough rings, four to a can, are revealed. (Shown at this stage is the Los Angeles Dodgers 1981 World Series Championship ring.)*

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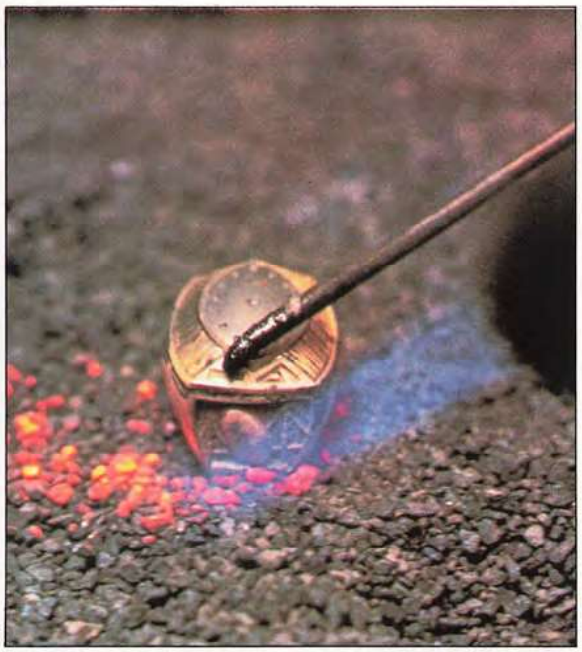

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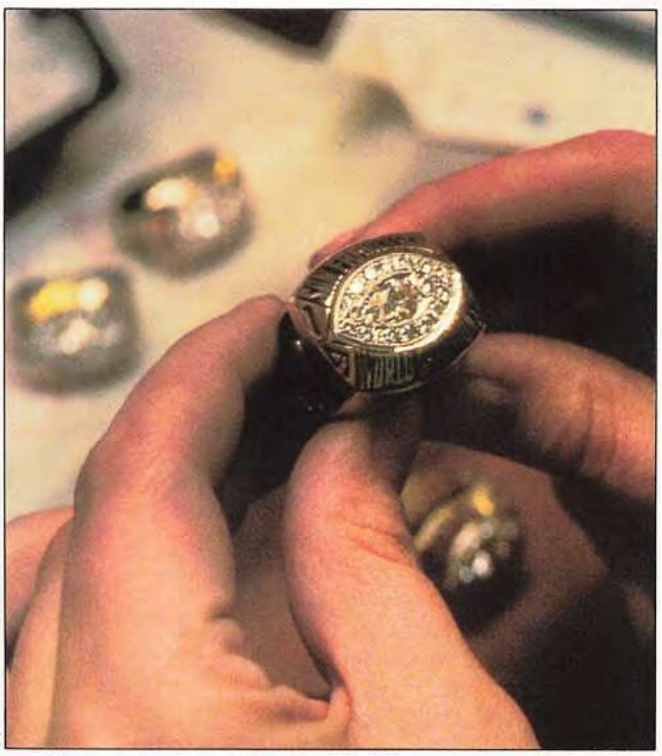

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9. *The next step involves soldering the stone-holding bases to the tops of the rings. Here, this is being done by Ted Adams, who, like Shorrock, is a 36-year veteran at Balfour.* **10.** *Adams moves a base to make certain it is correctly aligned with the rest of the ring.* **11.** *To remove any scratches or nicks on the shank surfaces, the rings first are filed, then buffed with an emery stick. This also serves to highlight the raised letters and detail. The base, too, is filed and buffed, and the center panel is trimmed to remove any excess, salvageable gold. Base letters and shank detail are checked carefully for defects at this time.* **12.** *Following inspection, the rings' diamonds or precious stones are set in the center panels. Each setting is checked to make sure its stone is properly secured.* **13.** *Now complete, the rings receive a final polishing to bring out the luster of the gold and the brilliance of the diamonds.* **14.** *The rings are inspected one last time to confirm the absence of flaws and as a double-check against the original specifications of the order.*

Of course, the final test of the rings is the way they're received by the champions who earned them. By that criterion, the 49ers' rings were an unequivocal success.

"The players were so anxious to get their rings," says San Francisco head coach Bill Walsh (who also had a hand in designing the ring), "they didn't want to wait until training camp to get them. As soon as the rings arrived, the players who live in the area came in to pick theirs up. We shipped some rings to the players who live out of town. . . except for a few players who couldn't even wait that long. They flew in to get them at their own expense!"

The Rings

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Only a handful of NFL players can say they own Super Bowl rings. But for the select few individuals who possess them, these exclusive and elusive symbols confer something special: the pride of being recognized as the best in professional football.

The rings are designed by each NFL championship team and are produced in very limited quantities—approximately 75 per club.

Three manufacturers have supplied the 16 Super Bowl rings. Josten's of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has produced 10; L.G. Balfour of Attleboro, Massachusetts, has done 4 (including the 49ers' Super Bowl XVI ring); and Lenox Awards, Inc. of St. Charles, Illinois, was commissioned to make the two Oakland Raiders rings.

The new San Francisco ring was involved in setting a record. According to Balfour vice president John Scarpellini, the size 20 ring made for defensive end Lawrence Pillers was the largest NFL ring ever produced. Previously, the largest was Bronko Nagurski's size 19 Pro Football Hall of Fame ring.

Along with the individual Super Bowl rings, the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy (above) symbolizes the championship of professional football. Designed by Oscar Riedener of Tiffany and Company in 1967 for Super Bowl I, the sterling silver trophy stands 20 inches high and weighs approximately seven pounds. It depicts a regulation size football in kicking position on an elongated base with three concave sides. On the front surface of the base is engraved "Vince Lombardi Trophy." Below that appear the NFL shield and the words "Super Bowl" and "AFC vs. NFC." After the game, the trophy is returned to Tiffany's for final engraving of the team names and the score.

According to Patrick Leavy, a Tiffany designer, a new trophy is produced each year. "It is made of very heavy gauge silver, and it is very difficult to assemble, hand chase, and polish," he says. "But it's a tough, well-constructed piece."

Game I Green Bay Packers
Josten's

Vince Lombardi and his two captains, tackle Bob Skoronski and defensive end Willie Davis, worked with designer Ken Westerlund on the ring that commemorates the Super Bowl I championship. It is 10k gold, weighs 23 pennyweight, and features a one-carat diamond inset in a white gold hemispheric globe. In 1967, gold cost about $32 an ounce; it costs more than $400 an ounce today. On one shank, Westerlund developed a detail from the Lombardi family coat of arms and combined it in a pattern with emblems of the AFL and NFL. The opposite shank features the scores of the 1966 NFL championship game and Super Bowl I.

Game II Green Bay Packers
Josten's

Super Bowl II culminated Lombardi's coaching career with the Packers, and he spared no effort in having a ring that exemplified his years of glory. Again, Josten's designed the ring, which is gold and features a one carat diamond and two half-carat diamonds set in a football-shaped tourmaline. The words "Challenge" and "Run to Win" are featured on one shank together with pennants flying from an outline of the NFL shield. On the other shank is a crown surmounted on a world globe. The rings cost $1,900 each in 1968. It is one of the largest of all Super Bowl rings—"a real knuckle buster," says Westerlund. It weighs 30 pennyweight.

Game III New York Jets
Balfour

The Jets, who were the first Super Bowl champions from the American Football League, wanted a ring that eclipsed those of the Green Bay Packers. The players requested that as many diamonds as possible be set in the ring to commemorate their victory. The ring is 14k gold, featuring a 75-point diamond set in a football-shaped emerald spinel. Six smaller diamonds of approximately 20 points each surround the larger stone. The ring weighs 25 pennyweight and cost more than $2,000 in 1969. "When [New York head coach] Weeb Ewbank heard the figure he couldn't believe it," says Balfour designer Norman Shorrock.

Game IV Kansas City Chiefs
Josten's

The Chiefs, who defeated Minnesota 23-7 in New Orleans for the world championship, were the first team to use the Vince Lombardi Trophy on their ring. The ring, which symbolizes the victory over the Vikings and acknowledges the club's tenth anniversary, weighs 26 pennyweight. It is 10k gold, featuring a full-carat diamond surrounded by 10 smaller diamonds—ranging in size from three to five points—set in a white gold football-shaped crest. The crest is set into a glowing synthetic ruby. On one shank is the American Football League seal surrounded by a crown. The other has the game's score above the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

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Game V Baltimore Colts
Josten's

Baltimore general manager Don Klosterman supervised the design of the Colts' ring, working closely with Josten's chief designer Westerlund. A white gold horseshoe surrounds a full carat diamond, which is set in an unusually large (16mm wide by 14mm high) fire blue spinel. Within the horseshoe are seven five-point blue sapphires, vapor-plated on the back to make them more luminous. On the left shank is each recipient's name, number, and position; the Colts' helmet; and the final score of the game (16-13). The right shank has the year (1970), the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and the inscription "Super Bowl V." The ring, which is made of 10k gold and weighs 26 pennyweight, is unique because of the complicated inverted bezel.

Game VI Dallas Cowboys
Balfour

Shorrock created a stunning ring to commemorate the Cowboys' 24-3 Super Bowl victory over the Miami Dolphins at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans. It features a large synthetic star-shaped sapphire in which is centered an 80-point diamond. Between the points of the star are 15 other diamonds—3 10-point, 2 5-point, and 10 one-half-point—creating a setting with a total of one and one-third carats. The ring is 14k white gold with deep-cut detailing. One shank features the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the NFL shield, the year, and "Super Bowl VI." On the opposite shank are the Cowboys' helmet, the recipient's name, and in the case of the players, their numbers. It is the lightest of all Super Bowl rings: 21 pennyweight.

Game VII Miami Dolphins
Josten's

Managing general partner Joe Robbie and coach Don Shula wanted something special to honor Miami's perfect 17-0 season in 1972, which was capped by the 14-7 victory over the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII, played in Los Angeles. The result was a 10k yellow gold ring with a one-carat diamond set in a 12mm by 10mm aquamarine. It has a unique double bevel bezel construction with 16 three-point diamonds on the inside bevel. On one shank is the raised name of the recipient over the Dolphins' logo, with Shula's motto, "Winning Edge," below. The other has the Vince Lombardi Trophy surrounded by "Super Bowl VII," the game score, "17-0," and "Perfect Season." The ring weighs 26 pennyweight.

Game VIII Miami Dolphins
Josten's

After the Dolphins' second consecutive Super Bowl victory, Robbie asked Josten's to create a similar, but simpler, ring. Westerlund selected two 60-point diamonds, representative of the Dolphins' two world championships, and put them in an elliptical white gold mount, which was set in a large (16mm by 14mm) aquamarine stone. On one shank are the recipient's name, his number or title, and the Dolphins' logo, which is orange and aqua enamel. On the opposite shank are the scores from Super Bowl VII and VIII, a raised representation of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and the inscription "Back to Back." The ring is 10k yellow gold and weighs 24 pennyweight. Miami beat Minnesota 24-7 to earn this second Super Bowl ring.

Game IX Pittsburgh Steelers
Josten's

Westerlund and Steelers president Dan Rooney worked on the ring that commemorates the first NFL championship in the club's 42-year history. Rooney selected a complicated inverted double bevel bezel with a barrel shape that transforms into cushion antique shape at the center. A one-carat diamond was set in a 12mm by 10mm cushion of antique genuine black onyx. All wording and emblems on the shanks of the ring, which is 10k white gold, are incised. On one shank are the recipient's name, number or title, and the Steelers' logo. The other side has the wording "Super Bowl IX," the Vince Lombardi Trophy, and scores of the Steelers' playoff games and Super Bowl win. The ring weighs 25 pennyweight.

Game X Pittsburgh Steelers
Balfour

For the Steelers' second straight world championship, which they won by beating Dallas 21-17, Rooney worked with Shorrock to create what is perhaps the most unusual of all the Super Bowl rings that have been manufactured to date. It is 14k yellow gold and features a complex cushion antique shape with dramatically raised wording. Two 50-point diamonds were set in paladium, a precious alloy of the platinum family. The paladium was sculpted to display the Vince Lombardi Trophy on the face. The trophy is flanked on both sides by the diamonds. The shanks are incised in the same manner as the previous year. The ring weighs 23 pennyweight. On one side is the official seal from America's bicentennial celebration.

Game XI Oakland Raiders
Lenox Awards

The Raiders undertook an intense search for the design of their championship ring after beating Minnesota 32-14 in Super Bowl XI. Four companies submitted designs that were examined by managing general partner Al Davis, head coach John Madden, and executive assistant Al LoCasale. Lenox Awards, Inc., a division of Lenox Company, the producers of china, was chosen to make the ring. Designer Elliott Inberg's creation is extremely complex. The ring is 14k white gold, set with 27 diamonds in and around a black spinel onyx center, and weighs an average of 31 pennyweight. Included on the shanks are the Raiders' emblem, scores from the AFC Championship Game and the Super Bowl, and the recipient's name.

Game XII Dallas Cowboys
Josten's

The ring features two 40-point diamonds set in two blue stars surrounded by a field of 22 diamonds. Around the ring's edge are the words "Dallas Cowboys World Champions." A diamond spaces the words, making the total diamond content two carats. One shank of the heavy 28 pennyweight ring highlights the Lombardi Trophy over an outline of the Louisiana Superdome. The game score (27-10, over Denver) and Super Bowl XII logo appear under the trophy. The other shank features a Cowboys helmet, the individual player's name, and the player's jersey number centered in an outline of the state of Texas. Completing the shank design are stars commemorating the Cowboys' four Super Bowls (Games V, VI, X, and XII).

Game XIII Pittsburgh Steelers
Josten's

To commemorate their unprecedented third Super Bowl victory (and second over Dallas), the Steelers integrated their logo into the ring by selecting three hypocycloids (star-shapes) as settings for three half-carat diamonds. Surrounding the three half-carat diamonds is a field of 30 smaller diamonds, making a total of almost three carats per ring. One shank features the Super Bowl XIII logotype above a representation of the Vince Lombardi Trophy rising out of the Orange Bowl (site of the game) and the Miami skyline. The game's final score, 35-31, is also incised on the shank. The other shank is personalized for each player, including a unique three-quarter view of his helmet. The yellow gold ring weighs 28 pennyweight.

Game XIV Pittsburgh Steelers
Josten's

For this, Pittsburgh's record fourth Super Bowl victory, which came against the Los Angeles Rams at the Rose Bowl, the Steelers decided on a smaller, 25 pennyweight ring with a more understated design. They chose a simpler design in order to highlight four half-carat diamonds. Surrounding the diamonds, the raised lettering on top of each ring reads, "World Champions 1979, Pittsburgh." One shank of the ring features the words "Super Bowl XIV" and the game score "31-19." The other shank has the word "Steelers" and each individual player's name and number. The yellow gold ring also features a unique hand-Florentined finish; each Pittsburgh ring required three to four hours of hand work with a special tool.

Game XV Oakland Raiders
Lenox Awards

The Raiders wanted a ring of "massive elegance" to symbolize what the team called its "finest hour." Their design guidelines were explicit: white gold with a raised football-shaped crest on a black surface. One shank of the 30 pennyweight ring commemorates the winning of the AFC and NFL championships. The other shank recognizes the players, featuring each one's name, number, position, and the Raiders' emblem. The ring's face contains 33 five-point diamonds —10 on the outside edges, 4 in the corners of the face (for the four postseason games won for the championship), and 19 on the football crest representing the 19 games played to get to the Super Bowl—and two three-quarter carat stones in the center.

Game XVI San Francisco 49ers
Balfour

The design of the ring symbolizing the 49ers' Cinderella season is based on that of an earlier Cinderella team, the Super Bowl III champion New York Jets. However, there are some significant differences. The area where the Jets' ring had a football-shaped green background stone was replaced in the 49ers' design with diamonds. Overall, each 49ers ring has more than two carats of diamonds, including the central 90-point diamond. The ring is made of 10k gold and weighs 30 pennyweight. One shank features a football superimposed on the Golden Gate Bridge, the Super Bowl XVI logotype, and the game's score. The other shank has each player's name in raised letters at the top, the initials "S.F.," and a San Francisco helmet.

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Dolphins vs. Redskins

Super Bowl XVII is two teams on a roll, two teams breathing defensive fire, two teams with offenses that have a minimum of glamor names.

It is the Miami Dolphins against the Washington Redskins in a you-*can*-go-home-again game in Los Angeles. Ten years ago this month Miami upended Washington 14-7 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, completing an unprecedented 17-0 season. The only difference from Super Bowl VII is the stadium; today's game will be decided in Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

Ten years ago, the Dolphins' defense was called the No Name Defense. The label is back in 1983—only this time both teams are candidates for it. The defenses of the Dolphins and the Redskins may be the two best in the NFL (statistically, the Dolphins were number one in the league in the regular season; in three playoff games, Miami has allowed just 26 points, Washington 31), but only two members of these defensive units—nose tackle Bob Baumhower of the Dolphins and strong safety Tony Peters of the Redskins—will play in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. The starting defenses also are among the league's youngest (Miami averages 27.2 years, Washington 26.5).

They are built on contrasting philosophies—the Dolphins largely through the draft (37 players), the Redskins via free agents, trades, and waivers (34 players). In the Redskins' case, however, philosophy was the necessity of situation. Washington had a total of only 11 draft choices (none higher than the fourth round) in general manager Bobby Beathard's first two years (1978 and 1979) with the club. In the six years before that, Beathard was the player personnel director for the Dolphins (8 Miami starters today were added during his tenure); in five years with the Redskins, he is responsible for 17 starters.

There are a lot of people in the NFL who would tell you that this is not a Super Bowl of superior talent, but, rather one of superior coaching.

Don Shula of Miami is 53 years old, in his twentieth year as an NFL head coach, and practically a legend in his own time. His teams have won a total of 214 games and his winning percentage (.711 overall, .721 in the regular season) is the second highest in NFL history. He has had 19 winning seasons and has been in the playoffs 14 times. He coached teams in four previous Super Bowls (III with Baltimore, VI, VII, and VIII with Miami, winning the latter two).

Joe Gibbs of Washington is the new kid on the block, 42 years old and in his second season with the Redskins. The man who apprenticed 10 seasons under Don Coryell (3 at San Diego State, 5 at St. Louis, 2 at San Diego) has made a sweep of coach of the year honors.

If you are looking for an indicator, Miami defeated Washington 13-10 in the Orange Bowl in the seventh week of the 1981 season. The only touchdowns were short-yardage efforts by John Riggins of the Redskins and Andra Franklin of the Dolphins.

No one who knows these two coaches, these two defenses, these two teams would be surprised by a score in the 13-10 area again today. There are some who would tell you that Miami's defense is too good for Washington (or anyone else); there are some who would tell you that Washington, like San Francisco a year ago, is a team of destiny. We'll know tonight.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

The Dolphins are not a flashy team. They are steady, well-balanced, and well-coached. In other words, they're a Don Shula team all the way—solidly built from within (Miami made no trades in 1982), no nonsense (well, maybe a trick play here and there), and almost mistake free (Miami was the NFL's least penalized team for the *seventh* consecutive year).

Every aspect of the 1982 Dolphins seems to have been engineered to fit with every other aspect. Like gear teeth, the passing game meshes with the running game, the offense with the defense, even the special teams whirr smoothly into place when needed. But because the team runs like a finely tuned machine does not mean that it is as impersonal as one. The Dolphins do have a personality, and it is interchangeable with Shula's.

Shula loves to coach the big games. In fact, if one man had to be chosen to devise a game plan for one crucial game, Shula would be the choice of most NFL insiders. He is a master at taking what the other team gives, as well as at using opponents' strengths against them. For example, in the Second-Round Playoff Game against the Chargers, Shula focused on Air Coryell's renowned precision passing game. By bumping San Diego's receivers at the line and aggressively pressuring quarterback Dan Fouts, the Dolphins' defense disrupted the intricately timed routes just enough to cause five interceptions and force the normally prolific Fouts into his poorest statistical showing of the season. In the AFC Championship Game, Jets quarterback Richard Todd was victimized by similar strategy and also had five passes picked off.

Shula's contribution during a game is of equal importance to his pregame preparation. When critical situations arise, he makes decisions that always seem to have a lasting effect on a game. Two cases in point: the fake-punt call at an unlikely moment in the Chargers game; and the throwback pass play from running back Tony Nathan to quarterback David Woodley that went for a 15-yard touchdown in the opening-day victory against the Jets.

In Andra Franklin, the Dolphins have a fullback who brings back memories of the halcyon days of Larry Csonka. Franklin, a second-round draft choice in 1981, was the NFL's third-leading rusher this year with 701 yards. He also tied for the league lead in carries (177).

Shula exhibits the same touch and control with his players as he does with his game plans. Though not every player wants to play for Shula, a perfectionist and strict disciplinarian, those who do, respect him. "Shula has a great feel for players," says former Miami quarterback Bob Griese. "He can use people dropped or overlooked by other teams because he uses their strengths and doesn't expect them to do things they aren't able to do."

Neither offense has a statistical advantage.

Woodley, for instance, does not excel as a pocket passer. However, he is extremely mobile. Shula didn't try to make him into a classic dropback quarterback. Instead, he specially designed option plays, draws, and sprint-outs called "Woodleys" for him.

Then there's workhorse fullback Andra Franklin, whose poor hands earned him the nickname "Kid Iron Gloves." You won't see him out on many pass routes. But it wasn't his receiving talent that made him the NFL's third-leading rusher this season.

(Shula's influence extends beyond the playing field, too, a fact that became most evident during the players strike. Even after two months of stagnating negotiations, an average of 35 Dolphins players were turning out three times a week for unsupervised two-hour practice sessions.)

Shula, then, may be the ultimate key to Miami's success this season—and in seasons past—with what some have considered limited personnel. This year marks the ninth time in the last 13 seasons that he has taken Miami into the playoffs. Some of those teams, the undefeated No Name Super Bowl VII champions in particular, are the stuff of NFL legend. Only guard Bob Kuechenberg and defensive end Vern Den Herder remain from the championship teams of the early 1970s. Yet there remains a constancy between those teams and the Dolphins taking the field today—they share the same coach, the same system, and, to quote one of Shula's favorite phrases, the same "winning edge."

THE 10-2 SEASON OF 1982

Sept. 12 Two interception returns for scores and a 59-yard punt return by Vigorito led the victory. Miami 45, New York Jets 28.

Sept. 19 Miami jumped to a 14-0 lead, then gave up 17 straight points before coming back to win. Miami 24, Baltimore 20.

Nov. 21 The defense forced seven Buffalo turnovers and von Schamann kicked three field goals. Miami 9, Buffalo 7.

Nov. 29 Two fourth-quarter interceptions by Colzie saved the win as Tampa Bay won the cross-state rivalry. Tampa Bay 23, Miami 17.

Dec. 5 Franklin rushed for 129 yards and the defense stopped the Vikings' offense with five sacks. Miami 22, Minnesota 14.

Dec. 12 Smith's 33-yard field goal with 4:45 left accounted for the only scoring in the snow-bound game. New England 3, Miami 0.

Dec. 18 Von Schamann kicked a 47-yard field goal with three seconds remaining to rescue the Dolphins. Miami 20, New York Jets 19.

Dec. 27 Shula recorded his 200th career victory as the Dolphins rebounded from a 10-0 deficit. Miami 27, Buffalo 10.

Jan. 2 Woodley threw for 239 yards and three touchdowns; the Dolphins won easily. Miami 34, Baltimore 7.

Jan. 8 Woodley was superb, completing 16 of 19 passes for 246 yards and two scores. Miami 27, Buffalo 10.

Jan. 16 An aroused defensive effort (seven turnovers) shut down Fouts and the potent San Diego offense. Miami 34, San Diego 13.

Jan. 23 Three interceptions by Duhe, including a game-clinching 35-yard touchdown, propelled Miami. Miami 14, New York Jets 0.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

In Washington, D.C., the Redskins have been a hot ticket for years. Make that a hard ticket. Only in the last two years has their entertainment value taken an appreciable jump.

"It [a Redskins ticket] was like a trophy that nobody had shined for a while," says quarterback Joe Theismann.

The last (and only) time this team reached the Super Bowl, George Allen was the coach, Billy Kilmer was the quarterback, the mean age of the roster was approximately that of the U.S. Senate, and "defense" was the favorite word in every True Fan's vocabulary. The only fun thing that happened in the Redskins' 14-7 loss to the undefeated Miami Dolphins in Game VII was Mike Bass's fumble return when Dolphins kicker Garo Yepremian tried to pass. Bass's touchdown may have been the Redskins' last good laugh of the 1970s.

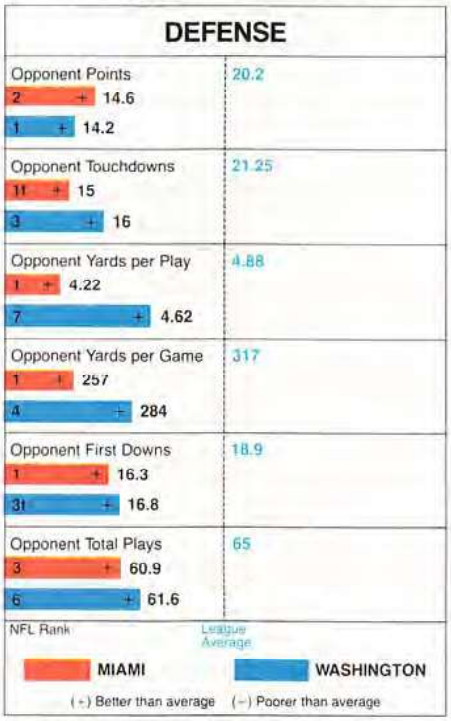
Washington made three more playoff appearances (all opening-round losses) from 1973-76, but eventually was victimized by Allen's penchant for trading away future draft choices, the better to stock his teams with veterans on the collective cusp of their careers. Allen left in 1978 to take the Los Angeles Rams' head coaching job, leaving former Over-the-Hill-Gang linebacker Jack Pardee to struggle through a 24-24-0 record from 1978-1980.

The Redskins didn't have a first-round draft choice from 1968 until 1980, when they chose wide receiver Art Monk of Syracuse. A vital part of head coach Joe Gibbs's team remodeling project in 1981-82, Monk may be Super Bowl XVII's sadly ironic figure. During the regular season, he tied for eighth in receptions among NFC wide receivers; today, he's on the injured reserve list with a broken foot.

Without question, the Redskins' trip to Pasadena can be attributed to the leadership of Gibbs and Theismann, who, after a frightening 0-5 start in 1981, have fashioned a 19-4 mark in regular season and postseason play since that time. Factor in the uncanny eye of general manager Bobby Beathard, whose mastery of meager draft pickings and feel for the free-agent market have stocked the team with all but eight of its members since he assumed the position in February of 1978.

Joe Theismann had his finest NFL season and led the Redskins into the playoffs for the first time since 1976. The NFC's top passer, Theismann completed 161 of 252 attempts for 2,033 yards and 13 touchdowns and was voted to the Pro Bowl.

Two of the eight, Theismann and placekicker Mark Moseley, can trace their NFL roots to the early Allen years. Both joined the team in 1974—Theismann after a flash-and-fade three-year tour with Toronto of the Canadian Football League, Moseley after one year with Philadelphia, two with Houston, and a year off with an injury in 1973. During the 1982 regular season, three of Washington's eight victories were directly attributable to Moseley's straight-ahead field-goal kicking.



Super Bowl XVII could be a defensive battle.

Theismann led the 1982 NFC passer ratings with a 91.3 figure, which placed him third in the NFL. In the midst of the criteria for the ratings, Theismann's prominent figures are his 63.9 completion percentage, 13 touchdown passes, and only nine interceptions.

That, along with ground support from yeoman fullback John Riggins, provides the theme for Gibbs's offensive variety show. Riggins had rushing performances of 119, 185, and 140 (444 total) in the Redskins' first three tournament games.

Defensively, the Redskins may not evoke the legendary ring of names from the Allen period (Hanburger, Houston, McDole, Talbert...), but the unit was statistically second-best in the NFC rankings and in nine games managed to equal its quarterback sack total for the 16-game 1981 season.

Now, it doesn't take a hardened cynic to notice that in 1982, the Redskins played only three teams that finished the regular season with winning records. One of those three, Dallas, served them their only loss, a 24-10 decision at RFK Stadium in early December. In 1983, they finally beat Dallas, an 8-3 team, for the NFC championship. To the charges of "cream-puff scheduling," the Redskins undoubtedly would reply, "Send us some winners."

That has been taken care of, and all that remains to be heeded is a recent statement from Theismann: "We're overachievers. These guys don't know limits."

THE 11-1 SEASON OF 1982

Sept. 12 Moseley's 48-yard field goal sent the game into overtime; his 26-yard kick won it. Washington 37, Philadelphia 34.

Sept. 19 A 136-yard rushing game by Riggins helped the Redskins to what Gibbs called "a lucky win." Washington 21, Tampa Bay 13.

Nov. 21 Theismann's touchdown passes helped the Redskins to an insurmountable 21-0 lead. Washington 27, New York Giants 17.

Nov. 28 Three catches by Brown, including a 65-yard score, gave the Redskins the win. Washington 13, Philadelphia 9.

Dec. 5 Seven sacks of Theismann helped bring about the only loss so far this year. Dallas 24, Washington 10.

Dec. 12 Moseley's four field goals were all Washington needed to record its fifth victory. Washington 12, St. Louis 7.

Dec. 19 Moseley's NFL record twenty-first consecutive field goal gave the Redskins the win. Washington 15, New York Giants 14.

Dec. 26 Touchdowns of 57 and 58 yards by Brown led the Redskins into the playoffs. Washington 27, New Orleans 10.

Jan. 2 The defense had its first shutout in two years; the Redskins end up with the NFC's best record. Washington 28, St. Louis 0.

Jan. 8 Garrett, filling in for the injured Monk, caught three touchdowns in the Redskins' easy victory. Washington 31, Detroit 7.

Jan. 15 Riggins rushed for a career-high 185 yards (on 37 carries); the Redskins ran over Minnesota. Washington 21, Minnesota 7.

Jan. 22 Grant's 10-yard touchdown return of a deflected pass sealed the Redskins' victory. Washington 31, Dallas 17.

DOLPHINS

Miami rushed for slightly more yards than it passed for in 1982 (1,344 rushing and 1,314 through the air). More than half of those rushing yards (701) belonged to second-year running back Andra Franklin. Though not overwhelming at 5 feet 10 inches, 225 pounds, the Pro Bowl-bound Franklin was the team's leading touchdown scorer with seven, and his 177 carries tied for the league lead. His 26-inch thighs generate tremendous power, which, combined with his low running profile, make him difficult to bring down.

Franklin fumbled only twice during the regular season. However, he did lose three fumbles against New England in the First-Round Playoff Game. Though he generally holds on to the ball well while running, Franklin is not much of a threat as a receiver (he caught only three passes all season). But then, coach Don Shula doesn't expect him to be running pass patterns.

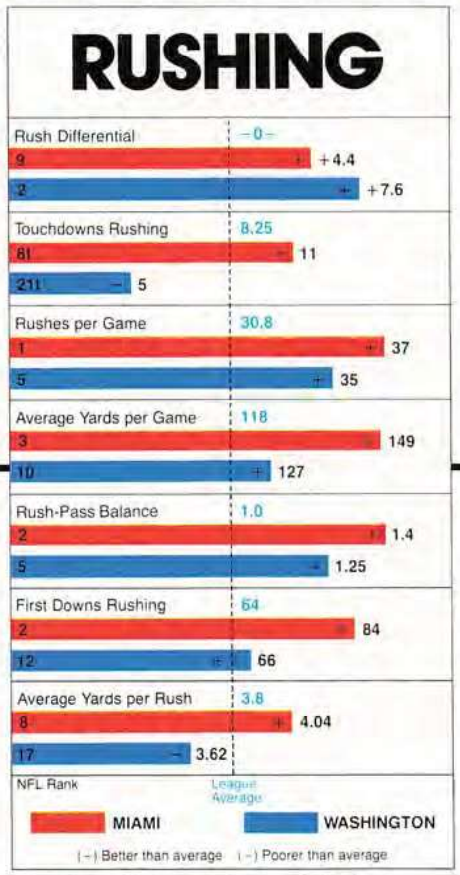
"We know we can't give the ball to Andra on every down," says Shula. "But when we put Andra alone in the backfield, and use a double-tight end formation, there's no secret involved. The key is for the defense to figure out which way we're going to run—inside or outside, right or left. If the defense decides to blitz, then we've got one-on-one coverage on our receivers. If they move the safety up to the line, we'll just run the other way."

Versatile running back Tony Nathan *is* an impressive pass receiver as well as rusher. Quick and agile, Nathan ran for 233 yards and caught 16 passes for 114 more during the regular season. Compact Tom Vigorito can turn short line bursts into big gains, while big Woody Bennett is the powerful alternative to Franklin. Rookie Rich Diana also is available.

Quarterback David Woodley, the league's top rushing quarterback, ran for almost as many yards as Nathan (207). He also had the team's second-longest run from scrimmage (29 yards). Washington must contain him or suffer the same fate as the Jets (Woodley was the championship game's leading rusher) and the Chargers, who were burned by Woodley for a seven-yard quarterback draw for a touchdown.

The Dolphins' offensive line is a big reason for the consistency of the ground game, which ranked third in the league. Center Dwight Stephenson is a dominating blocker. He is flanked by Pro Bowl guard Bob Kuechenberg (a 13-year veteran who started in Super Bowls VI, VII, and VIII and holds the Dolphins' record for games played and starts) and Jeff Toews, a formidable trap and lead blocker who has replaced injured Miami Pro Bowl starter Ed Newman. The tackles are Jon Giesler and Eric Laakso.

RUSHING	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Franklin	177	701	4.0	25	7
Nathan	66	233	3.5	15	1
Woodley	36	207	5.8	29	2
Vigorito	19	99	5.2	33	1
Hill	13	51	3.9	13	0
Diana	8	31	3.9	7	0
Bennett	9	15	1.7	5	0
Harris	1	13	13.0	13	0
Cowan	1	3	3.0	3	0
Strock	3	−9	—	0	0



Miami's running game is one of the best.

REDSKINS

"He can tote that rock, that's for sure," says Redskins tight end Rick Walker.

"He," of course, is John Riggins, Washington's durable running back, the man who provides counterpoint to Joe Theismann's air show.

Acquired as a free agent in 1976 after stormy times with the New York Jets, Riggins has parlayed size, wits, and courage to build an 11-year career that shows him ranked seventh on the NFL's all-time rushing list.

But not even his pure yardage totals, career (8,089) or 1982 (553), tell the story of how the Redskins use him. "The secret of running the ball, at least for me," he says, "is that you must get the ball twenty times a game to get the feel of what a defense is doing. Then you start to gain yards and you can dictate what you can do to them."

Riggins used a version of that plea prior to the Redskins' opening-round playoff game with Detroit, and head coach Joe Gibbs granted his wish. That day, Riggins gained 119 yards against the NFC's best rushing defense.

Another measure of Washington's reliance on Riggins is Gibbs's willingness to use him often on first-and-10. His value goes up a few more points as the Redskins give him the ball on the draw play in obvious passing situations.

Gibbs likes to stay with a single-back, or "A" formation, as a complement to his passing attack. That way, he can combine his receivers in sets of three wide men and one tight end, or a two-and-two variation. In the second-round playoff victory over Minnesota (Riggins had 185 yards in 37 carries in that game), the Redskins showed a three-tight end formation with fourth-and-inches near the Vikings' goal line. Walker lined up on the left side, came in motion to the right, and joined a cordon that led Riggins outside right tackle and into the end zone. Another power move is Washington's occasional use of Otis Wonsley as a blocking back for Riggins.

For another look at Riggins's dominance in the Washington running game, check his number of carries (177) during the regular season, then add the figures for Joe Washington and Clarence Harmon. The latter two ran with the ball (Washington 44 times for 190 yards, Harmon 38 for 168) fewer than half as many times combined as Riggins did.

Out front of Riggins—usually the lone back, with occasional relief from Washington—will be an offensive line that calls itself The Hogs, a justified moniker when you consider their sizes. Center Jeff Bostic, who weighs 245, is the lightest. . .by 15 pounds. The guards are Russ Grimm (273) and Mark May (288), and the tackles are Joe Jacoby (295) and George Starke (260). Starke, a 10-year man, has more experience than the other four Hogs combined (9 years).

RUSHING	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Riggins	177	553	3.1	19	3
Washington	44	190	4.3	40	1
Harmon	38	168	4.4	20	1
Theismann	31	150	4.8	16	0
Wonsley	11	36	3.3	7	0
Monk	7	21	3.0	14	0
Walker	2	11	5.5	6	0
Jackson	4	6	1.5	2	0
Giaquinto	1	5	5.0	5	0

The versatile Nathan "does it all," according to head coach Shula.

Vigorito had 477 all-purpose yards (rushing, receiving, and returns).

Riggins (177 carries) is the workhorse of the Redskins' ground game.

Washington does damage as a runner and a pass receiver.

DOLPHINS

Quarterback David Woodley and his nine-year veteran counterpart, Don Strock, do not share a traditional starter-backup relationship. Though Woodley started all of 1982, he really is half of what Shula considers a two-quarterback system—Woodstrock. If the going gets tough for Woodley late in the game, look for Strock to begin warming up on the sideline.

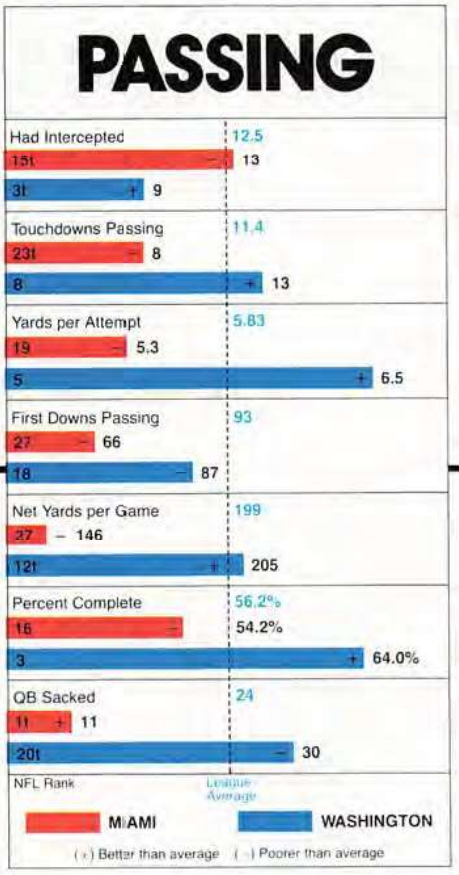
But don't look too hard. Many, including Shula, consider Woodley's late-season and playoff performances to be the best of his three-year career. For most of the regular season, Woodley was ranked twenty-eighth among starting NFL quarterbacks. But in the last four games he's significantly turned himself and his statistics around, completing 56 of 84 passes (66.7 percent) for 767 yards and seven touchdowns, with four interceptions. Overall during the regular season, he completed 98 of 179 passes (54.7 percent) for 1,080 yards and five touchdowns, with eight interceptions.

"People have a tendency to compare him to quarterbacks who have been around a long time," Shula says of the relatively inexperienced (by NFL standards) 24-year-old. "They forget he's just in his third year."

Woodley, who's 6 feet 2 inches, 204 pounds, perfectly reflects the balance of the entire Dolphins team. He can run and throw, and, in many situations, he'll do both. In fact, keeping Woodley contained in the pocket is one of the keys to controlling the Miami offense.

When Strock comes into the game for Woodley, he brings with him maturity, size (he's 6-5), and savvy. He calls his own plays and is beginning to accept his reliever's role. "When you've got a guy like Strock sitting there," says Shula, "you don't hesitate to make the move [to a new quarterback]."

No matter which quarterback is in the game, he immediately has two things going for him—an offensive line that allowed just 11 sacks, best in the NFL, and a choice group of receivers. Running back Tom Vigorito is the prototype Miami receiver, small and fast. He led the team with 24 catches for 186 yards during the regular season. Big-play wide receiver Duriel Harris caught 22 for 331 yards, a 15-yard average. Wide receiver Jimmy Cefalo is a favorite target in the clutch, as are Tony Nathan (who also throws well) and veteran Nat Moore. The underrated Miami tight ends, Joe Rose (16 catches), Bruce Hardy (12), and Ronnie Lee (2), all see considerable action blocking as well as receiving.



Numbers give the Redskins a passing edge.

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TDs	Int.	Rating
Woodley	179	98	1080	54.7	5	8	63.4
Strock	55	30	306	54.5	2	5	—
Nathan	2	1	15	50.0	1	0	—
Hill	1	0	0	00.0	0	0	—
Jensen	1	0	0	00.0	0	0	—

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Vigorito	24	186	7.8	26	0
Harris	22	331	15.0	45	1
Cefalo	17	356	20.9	46	1
Rose	16	182	11.4	44	2
Nathan	16	114	7.1	16	0
Hardy	12	66	5.5	19	2
Moore	8	82	10.3	23	1
Hill	6	33	5.5	10	0
Franklin	3	9	3.0	6	0
Diana	2	21	10.5	13	0
Lee	2	6	3.0	5	0

REDSKINS

Joe Gibbs arrived in Washington in 1981, fresh from two years as San Diego's offensive coordinator and well-schooled in the Don Coryell passing system. All he needed was a rifle-armed quarterback to execute the thing.

But just as he realized that his running game could not be built around a speed back—no Tony Dorsett-type seemed to be hanging around Redskin Park—Gibbs eventually conceded he'd have to abandon the deep-passing feature of Coryell's setup.

In 1982, Joe Theismann directed Gibbs's passing offense so well he ranked first among NFC passers with a 91.3 rating. One figure that kept him well shy of the magical 100 mark, however, was his average gain per pass (8.07 yards). Although that figure ranked fifth in the NFL, it hardly indicates more than a medium-range attack.

So the Redskins aren't prone to bombing, but when a long catch is in order, look for a 5-foot 10-inch first-year man from South Carolina State. Charlie Brown came to the Redskins in the eighth round of the 1981 draft, another example of general manager Bobby Beathard's keen drafting sense. (Brown injured his knee in the preseason and spent 1981 on injured reserve.)

Brown's role as the team's big-play receiver is evident in his eight touchdowns during the regular season and a 21.6-yard average per catch, the NFL's highest among receivers with 20 or more catches. With 32 receptions, he fell 3 short of Art Monk's club best.

Monk will be missed, make no mistake, but Washington breathed a collective sigh of relief when, almost out of nowhere, 5-foot 7-inch Alvin Garrett came off the bench to provide more than just a body at the end of the offensive line. In the opening playoff game against Detroit, Garrett caught six passes for 110 yards and three touchdowns.

Tight ends Don Warren (27 catches) and Rick Walker (12) are useful parts of the Redskins' passing scheme, which includes an element of basketball—screens, or "picks," calculated to conform just barely to rules against illegal obstructions by eligible receivers.

Completing the analogy with the San Diego attack, be aware of Theismann's willingness to throw to his backs. Joe Washington had 19 catches in 1982, Clarence Harmon 11, and John Riggins 10. Harmon, however, could be the clutch receiver out of the backfield; he has been compared favorably with former Pittsburgh and Dallas running back Preston Pearson in this respect.

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TDs	Int.	Rating
Theismann	252	161	2033	63.9	13	9	91.3
Washington	1	1	35	100.0	0	0	—

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Monk	35	447	12.8	43	1
Brown	32	690	21.6	78	8
Warren	27	310	11.5	29	0
Washington	19	134	7.1	17	1
Walker	12	92	7.7	25	1
Harmon	11	86	7.8	28	0
Riggins	10	50	5.0	11	0
Seay	6	154	25.7	37	0
M. Williams	3	14	4.7	6	0
Giaquinto	2	65	32.5	36	0
Didier	2	10	5.0	8	1
Jackson	1	9	9.0	9	0
Garrett	1	6	6.0	6	0
Wonsley	1	1	1.0	1	1

Harris has an acrobatic flair for tough catches.

Tight end Lee's forte is power blocking.

Woodley makes the Dolphins' offense go.

Garrett has been brilliant in the postseason.

Brown: a big man in Redskins' aerial show.

Warren is a steady, dependable tight end.

DOLPHINS

It's an old axiom that the big games are won on defense. In this, the biggest game of all, Miami has the best defense. The Dolphins rated number one overall in the NFL this season and gave up the fewest points in the AFC (second in the NFL) for the second year in a row. They also allowed the fewest total yards in the league (primarily on the strength of the pass defense—the run defense rated twenty-fourth in the NFL), the fewest first downs, and smallest average gain per play.

The on-field performance of the Killer Bees (so named because so many of the starters' last names begin with the letter "B") gives credence to the statistics. According to San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts, it was the best defense he faced all year.

He should know. Besides dismantling the vaunted San Diego passing game two weeks ago, the Killer Bees shut down the Chargers on the ground, allowing them just 79 yards. The previous week, in the First-Round Playoff Game against New England, they held the Patriots to an almost identical 77 yards. And, in the AFC Championship Game, they limited New York to 62 net yards.

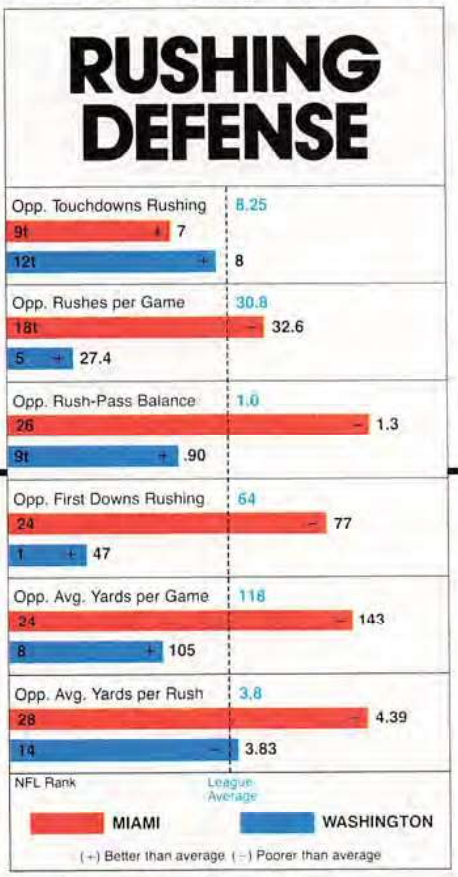
Highly respected assistant head coach (defense) Bill Arnsparger mixes the 3-4 with the 4-3 alignments, but generally sticks with the 3-4 to make full use of his exceptional linebackers. Right inside linebacker Earnie Rhone led the team in tackles for the second straight season, ahead of left inside linebacker A.J. Duhe, and outside men Bob Brudzinski (left) and Larry Gordon (right). All of the linebackers have good speed and provide thorough coverage to the outside.

But against the Redskins it's not the outside the Dolphins have to worry about. It is the inside they must protect, where Washington power back John Riggins runs behind the enormous Hogs offensive line. As is expected in the run-oriented 3-4 defense, the linebackers will have to come up and stop Riggins, a strong cutback runner, before he can get into any open areas.

Up front, the Dolphins' defensive line is built around a strong foundation, 6-foot 5-inch, 260-pound Pro Bowl nose tackle Bob Baumhower, whose matchup with Redskins center Jeff Bostic could prove pivotal. Flanking Baumhower on the ends are 6-foot 6-inch, 250-pound Kim Bokamper and 6-foot 7-inch, 260-pound Doug Betters.

Cornerbacks Don McNeal (who blocked a punt last week against New York) and Gerald Small often come up from their positions to make tackles. Safeties Lyle and Glenn Blackwood are solid hitters; Lyle ranked among the linebackers in number of tackles this year.

The Killer Bees' aggressive play, efficiency, and lack of easily recognized superstars has led to unavoidable comparisons with the Dolphins' No-Name Defense of yore. Even the players are not immune to sizing up the two units. Linebacker Rhone gives the edge to the Killer Bees—at least in one category. "We have more no-names than the No-Names," he says.



Redskins: consistent against the run.

REDSKINS

It's a fair question: If the 3-4 is the defense of the future, why was the 4-3 the choice of three of this season's four Super Bowl semifinalists? The answer, of course, resides in each of the defensive units in question.

The 4-3 is a better deal for the Redskins for two reasons: personnel and situation substitution. Begin with tackle Dave Butz, who is one of the main cogs in the Redskins' ability to stop opposing rushers.

At 6 feet 7 inches and 295 pounds, Butz's mere presence might be intimidation enough. He fills holes and makes tackles in his immediate area, true. But when he moves laterally, the results are astounding. Ask Detroit's Billy Sims, who was held to 19 yards in six carries when Washington defeated the Lions in the opening round of the Super Bowl Tournament.

In the defensive line, Butz is the elder statesman. His 10 years' experience far exceeds that of his linemates, each of whom has played two years.

It's this quality that has brought the unit its "no-name" tag. Left end Mat Mendenhall (6-6, 255), right tackle Darryl Grant (6-2, 265), and right end Dexter Manley (6-3, 240) may not be the physical equals of Butz, but in the team concept structured by defensive coordinator Richie Petitbon, mobility counts heavily. Perry Brooks returned from a midseason injury to share right tackle with Grant in the NFC Championship Game. Grant's interception return was the final scoring play of the Redskins' 31-17 victory over Dallas.

"Joe [Gibbs] uses forty-five players every week in either the offensive or defensive lineup," says Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard. "We change the lineup on every play, depending on down, distance, and situation. We don't have many great all-around players on this team, but Joe knows what each of them does best, and gets them in when the situation calls for it."

When the situation calls for a pass by the opposition, expect to see a switch at right defensive end, with Mendenhall being removed for Tony McGee.

No-name time again: Among the Washington linebackers, only Rich Milot, whose hard hitting forced four fumbles during the regular season, has gained a modicum of recognition. He plays behind Manley on the right side and, along with Mel Kaufman, the smallish (6 feet 2 inches, 218 pounds) two-year man, could be a key figure in the Redskins' hopes of giving Miami's Andra Franklin the same treatment that Billy Sims received.

Naturally, middle linebacker Neal Olkewicz figures in this scheme as well. He was the second-leading tackler behind free safety Mark Murphy.

In the defensive backfield, the Redskins' two main stoppers are strong safety Tony Peters, an NFC Pro Bowl selection, and Murphy, who took part in 100 tackles. They bring eight and six years' experience, respectively, complementing rookie cornerback Vernon Dean on the right side and nine-year veteran Jeris White on the left.

Baumhower, a three-time Pro Bowl pick, anchors the Dolphins' defense.

Hard-hitting safety Glenn Blackwood leads the Dolphins' secondary.

The pursuing, gang-tackling Redskins defense limited regular season opponents to an average of only 105 yards rushing per game.

DOLPHINS

If the Dolphins' defense is aggressive against the run, it is doubly so—and doubly effective—against the air game. Miami ranked first in the league against the pass, allowing opponents an average of only 114.1 yards per game during the regular season. That ranking can be misleading, because it implies that the secondary was most responsible for the unit's success. But, like everything else on the Dolphins, it is balance that makes for success.

The Killer Bees are organized around the concept of players in their proper positions (in both the logistic and talent senses) playing disciplined defense. This organization and discipline are complemented by the Dolphins' ability to achieve defensive versatility without making substitutions.

For example, if a sure passing situation develops and the defense wants a heavier pass rush, A.J. Duhe, a former defensive lineman, can move up from his linebacking spot and play a down position on the line. On other teams such a change necessitates new players.

In Bill Arnsparger's defensive scheme, the linebackers often are responsible for making drops into pass coverage. Each linebacker had one interception during the season, and Duhe was the hero of the championship game against the Jets with three, returning one 35 yards for a touchdown.

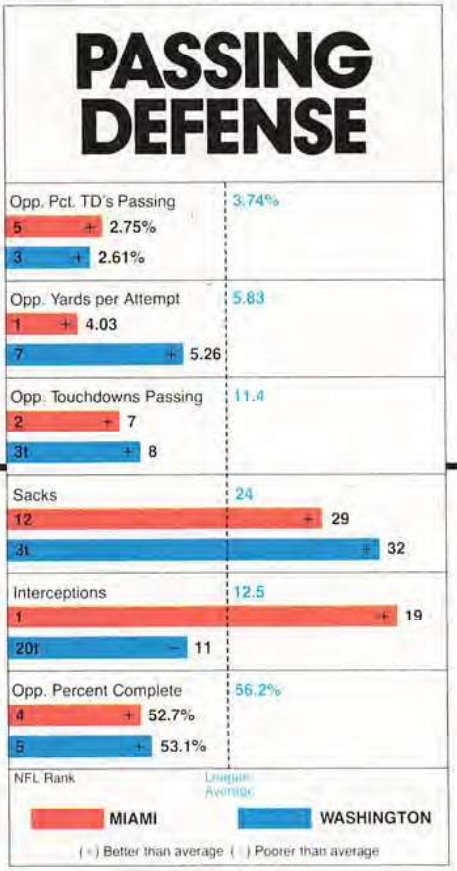
All of the linebackers stunt and blitz, and each contributed to the team's total of 29 sacks this season. Bob Brudzinski led the team with 4½ sacks, Larry Gordon had 3, Duhe 2, and Earnie Rhone 1.

The safeties also blitz well, though Miami generally relies on the deep secondary to cover when the linebackers are rushing. Glenn Blackwood contributed 2 sacks this season; brother Lyle, 1.

The defensive line applies equal pressure along its length on opposing quarterbacks. Each of the three linemen had nearly identical sack totals; nose tackle Bob Baumhower had 3½, as did defensive end Kim Bokamper (who's had 5 in postseason play). Defensive end Doug Betters had 3.

Compounding the pressure from the pass rush, and working in concert with it, is the Miami secondary. It is justly noted for its good ball reaction and helped the team lead the league with 19 interceptions during the regular season, adding 12 in the playoffs. The Killer Bees also take pride in the fact that no receiver gained 100 yards against them all season.

Right cornerback Don McNeal was the team leader with four interceptions. Backup safety Mike Kozlowski and alternate cornerback Fulton Walker come in on Nickel and Dime defensive alignments. Walker had three interceptions.



Woodley's pass protection will be a key.

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
McNeal	4	42	10.5	23	1
Walker	3	54	18.0	30	0
G. Blackwood	2	42	21.0	35	1
L. Blackwood	2	41	20.5	21	0
Small	2	41	20.5	21	0
Kozlowski	1	36	36.0	36	0
Gordon	1	15	15.0	15	0
Brudzinski	1	5	5.0	5	0
Rhone	1	4	4.0	4	0
Bokamper	1	1	1.0	1	0
Duhe	1	0	0.0	0	0

REDSKINS

Two statistical rankings, both relatively obscure, speak volumes in behalf of Washington's pass defense. The first is a third-place finish among NFL teams for fewest opponents' first downs; the second is an eighth-place ranking in defensive third-down efficiency.

Both rankings can be pegged in part to the Redskins' improved pass rush. Again, a statistical comparison—this one between 1981 and 1982—provides the key. The Redskins sacked opposing quarterbacks 32 times in 1981 over the course of a normal 16-game schedule. In 1982, they equaled that figure in only nine games.

The sack leaders were defensive ends Dexter Manley and Tony McGee, each with 6½. McGee, formerly known as Mack the Sack during his years with the New England Patriots, is a 12-year veteran who makes Washington's 4-3 alignment worth using. He is substituted into the game in likely passing situations.

In the secondary, the statistics don't tell much, but the talent is ready. Witness Jeris White's two interceptions in the Redskins' opening-round tournament victory over Detroit, one of which went for a 77-yard touchdown. White's speed and nine years' experience give the Redskins strong coverage at the left corner.

Right cornerback Vernon Dean tied White for the club interception lead with three in 1982, but Dean may be a marked man due to his rookie status. Dallas tested him in the NFC Championship Game, and he answered with impressive plays against receivers Drew Pearson and Tony Hill. Both free safety Mark Murphy and strong safety Tony Peters, the latter especially adroit at stopping the run, provide stability and experience in the deep middle.

At linebacker, the Redskins show a feature similar to the situation substitution in the defensive line. Watch for Monte Coleman, a four-year veteran, edging up in possible blitz situations. Coleman backs up Mel Kaufman. Quentin Lowry should see considerable duty on the right side as a reliever for Rich Milot.

The most obvious trend in the situational substitution setup is the moving in and out of a Nickel back. The Redskins usually use veteran cornerback Joe Lavender (in place of linebacker Neal Olkewicz) for the purpose, which these days practically represents a twelfth position in itself.

Atmospheric note: Check the rainfall in Pasadena during the week before the game. If it should come down, expect a soggy field. Count that an advantage for the Redskins' defensive line (and the whole unit) in passing situations, because Washington's linemen profit from being able to "tee off" on offensive linemen backing into pass protection.

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
V. Dean	3	62	20.7	26	0
White	3	4	1.3	4	0
Murphy	2	0	0.0	0	0
Peters	1	14	14.0	14	0
McDaniel	1	7	7.0	7	0
Manley	1	−2	—	0	0

McNeal is the Dolphins' interception leader.

Small excels at man-to-man coverage.

Duhe fortifies the Dolphins' pass rush.

Coleman's blitzes on passing downs knock opposing quarterbacks off balance.

Postseason play brings out the best in White.

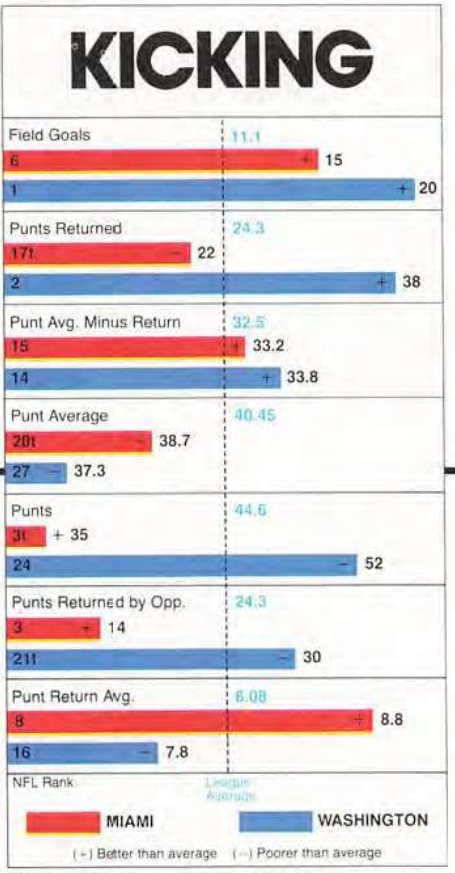
DOLPHINS

The Dolphins' special teams and kickers are representative of the rest of the team—solid and nearly anonymous. They are disciplined on return plays, rarely losing yardage on penalties. When they are kicking, the contain men stay in their lanes. And all are hitters, from reserve linebacker Steve Shull to third-string quarterback Jim Jensen.

Kicker Uwe von Schamann ranked eighth in the league in scoring. He hit on 21 of 22 extra-point tries and 15 of 20 field-goal attempts. He is most accurate inside the 40 yard line, where he kicked 12 of 14 field goals. Beyond the 40, his norm tapers off to 50 percent (3 of 6). He is good in pressure situations. The hairline fracture of a vertebra von Schamann suffered in a scramble for a fumbled kickoff against the Chargers did not seem to affect his performance last week against the Jets.

The punting duties are handled by Tom Orosz. The second-year punter's average (38.7) barely made the top 10 in the AFC this season, but he has good "touch"—11 of his 35 punts were downed inside the 20 and only 14 of his kicks were returned. None were blocked. Two weeks ago against San Diego, he ran from punt formation for the first time ever, gaining 11 yards and a crucial first down. Veteran offensive guard Bob Kuechenberg snaps on punts and placements.

Von Schamann is deadly inside the 40.



Moseley, Nelms make the Redskins special.

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Touch-backs	Inside 20	Long
Orosz	35	1353	38.7	4	11	61

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Vigorito	20	5	192	9.6	59	1
G. Blackwood	2	0	2	1.0	2	0
Kozlowski	0	1	0	—	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Heflin	2	49	24.5	31	0
Walker	20	433	21.7	32	0
Diana	1	15	15.0	15	0
Kozlowski	1	10	10.0	10	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
von Schamann	0-0	8-9	4-5	3-5	0-1	15-20

REDSKINS

When the *Associated Press* named Mark Moseley as its most valuable player for the 1982 season, he made a joke about not even having an MVP incentive clause in his contract.

No kidding. During the preseason, the party of the first part, the Redskins, were thinking of ways to unload the 11-year veteran whom they had hired in 1975 as a free agent with a year of injury separating him from brief visits with the Houston Oilers and Philadelphia Eagles.

Last opening day in Philadelphia, Moseley hit a 48-yard field goal to force an overtime period, then dealt sudden death to the Eagles with a 26-yarder. The 37-34 victory was the first of three that were decided by Moseley's straight-ahead kicking style, once called conventional.

In a victory over the New York Giants on December 12, he kicked his twenty-first consecutive field goal, breaking Garo Yepremian's 1979 NFL mark. Moseley added two more to his string before missing on the final day of the season.

His second achievement went into the books as the highest field-goal percentage for a single season: 95.2.

Moseley: the nonpareil of NFL placekickers.

Despite hitting on 20 of 21 field goal attempts during the regular season, Moseley has missed 5 of 7 during three playoff games.

Moseley has special relief this year in that punter Jeff Hayes has been kicking off. Hayes's dual role may explain his less-than-booming 38-yard punting average. But Hayes's net average of 33.3 yards attests to his accuracy.

Punt and kickoff returns are the responsibility of NFC Pro Bowl choice Mike Nelms, who returned more total kicks (55) than any other player in the league. His 76-yard kickoff return in the NFC Championship Game set up the touchdown that gave Washington an 11-point lead in the third quarter.

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Touch-backs	Inside 20	Long
Hayes	51	1937	38.0	5	10	58

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
G. Williams	1	0	9	9.0	9	0
Nelms	32	0	252	7.9	28	0
Giaquinto	5	2	34	6.8	12	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Nelms	23	557	24.2	58	0
Giaquinto	1	21	21.0	21	0
Garrett	2	35	17.5	18	0
Wonsley	1	14	14.0	14	0
Harmon	1	13	13.0	13	0
Anderson	1	7	7.0	7	0
G. Williams	1	2	2.0	2	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Moseley	1-1	6-6	8-8	5-6	0-0	20-21

DOLPHINS

Though Miami's heads-up defense tied for seventh in the NFL during the regular season with a very respectable give-away-takeaway ratio of plus-four, it improved that figure in the playoff tournament to a plus-six. Most of those takeaways were in the form of interceptions. The Dolphins led the league with 19, and added 12 more in postseason play, thanks in part to an uncanny knack for disguising their man-to-man and zone coverages.

Eleven different players picked off passes in 1982, including cornerbacks Don McNeal (four), Fulton Walker (three), and Gerald Small (two); safeties Glenn and Lyle Blackwood (two each); linebackers Bob Brudzinski, A.J. Duhe, Larry Gordon, and Earnie Rhone, defensive end Kim Bokamper, and Nickel back Mike Kozlowski (one each).

Against the Patriots in the First-Round Playoff Game, McNeal and Small each intercepted one pass. In the second round, the Chargers suffered five interceptions (plus two fumbles) at the hands of the Dolphins' defenders. Glenn Blackwood picked off two of the five, with brother Lyle, McNeal, and Small sharing the other three. Against the Jets last week, Duhe played the game of his career, intercepting three passes, while Small and Glenn Blackwood added one apiece.

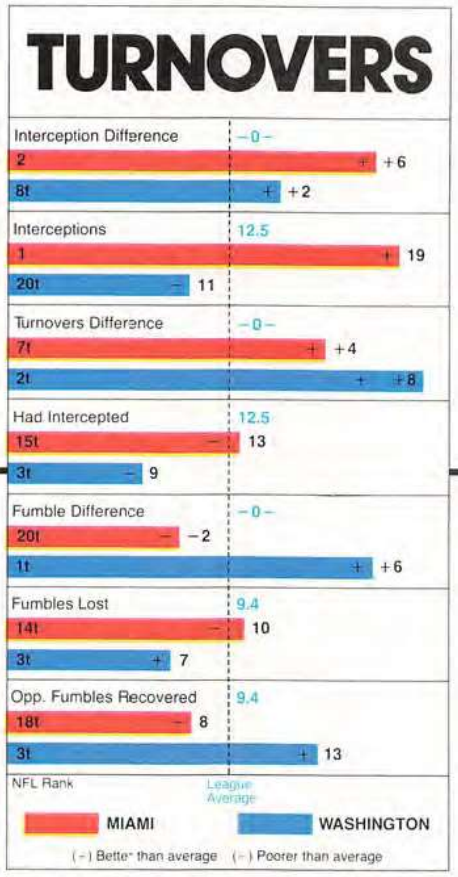
Lyle Blackwood helps the Bees earn an "A."

Quarterbacks David Woodley and Don Strock threw 13 interceptions during the regular season, 8 by Woodley and 5 by Strock. In the three playoff games leading up to the Super Bowl, Woodley, the only Miami quarterback to play, was intercepted four times.

The Dolphins, however, lost 5 fumbles in the playoffs, half their regular-season total of 10. Three of those five came on carries by the normally sure-handed Andra Franklin in the New England game. Franklin fumbled only twice during the nine-game season.

As with interceptions, fumble recoveries were spread uniformly through the Killer Bees defense. Glenn Blackwood led with two fumble recoveries, followed by defensive end Bill Barnett (now on injured reserve), Lyle Blackwood, Brudzinski, backup defensive ends Steve Clark and Vern Den Herder, and Kozlowski, each with one.

In summary, if mistakes are going to be a deciding factor in today's Super Bowl game, the Miami Dolphins are more likely to be capitalizing on them than making them.



Theismann vs. the Bees: a classic matchup.

REDSKINS

The ratio of takeaways to turnovers can be overrated at times, especially when analyzing a season that filled barely more than half the regulation calendar. But the Redskins' excellent marks in this area deserve mention.

Washington took the ball away from its opponents a total of eight more times than it gave the ball away, an average of almost plus-one per game. By making pressure a habit on defense and control the theme of the offense, the Redskins have come to expect that their defensive goal of five big plays per game—and this includes key tackles, sacks, and quarterback pressures or "hurries," as well as interceptions and fumbles—will profit them at least one extra possession each week.

To get an idea of how the turnover ratio indicates success, note that three of the four semifinalists in this year's Super Bowl Tournament had totals on the plus side. (Only Dallas, which came close at 25 to 26, failed to gain the upper hand.)

Washington's liberal use of situation substitution and its improved quarterback sack statistics both indicate a readiness to intercept. With a higher probability of chaos in the area (and the mind) of an opposing quarterback, Redskins defensive backs have more latitude.

Olkewicz spearheads an opportunistic defense.

Speed merchant Jeris White at left cornerback and his partner on the right side, Vernon Dean, led the club in interceptions with three each. Dean's return figures are excellent, showing a 20-yard average. White, a nine-year veteran, intercepted two passes in the opening-round playoff victory over Detroit, one for a 77-yard touchdown.

Safety Mark Murphy, LeCharls McDaniel (sometimes used as the Redskins' Nickel back), defensive end Dexter Manley, and Pro Bowl safety Tony Peters round out the interception column for Washington, which finished a middling eighteenth among NFL defenses in the "percentage of opponents' passes intercepted" category.

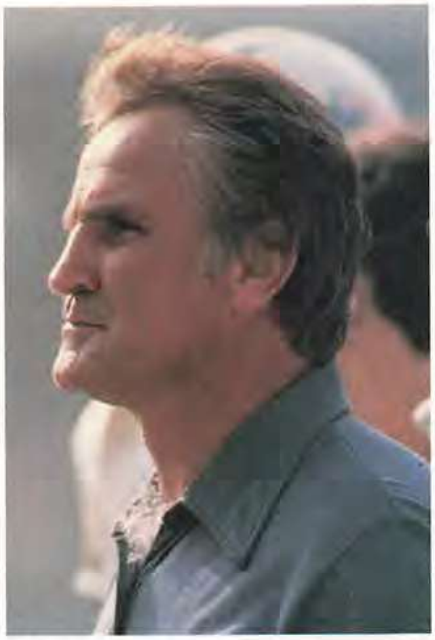
Quarterback Joe Theismann threw only nine interceptions in 252 passing attempts during the regular season, under the Washington defensive unit's 11.

The remaining plus-six of the ratio, found in the fumble column, was an honor that spread itself around very democratically. The Redskins' team leaders in fumble recoveries during the regular season were Manley and Neal Olkewicz, with three each.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

How They Were Built

Year	Draft (37)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (10) Waivers (0)
1970 *10-5-0* *2nd, AFC East*			*G* Bob Kuechenberg *(FA)*
1971 *12-4-1* *AFC Champion*	*DE* Vern Den Herder *(9)*		
1972 *17-0-0* *Super Bowl VII* *Champion*			
1973 *15-2-0* *Super Bowl VIII* *Champion*	*QB* Don Strock *(5)*		
1974 *11-4-0* *1st, AFC East*	*WR* Nat Moore *(3)*		
1975 *10-3-0* *2nd, AFC East*			*LB* Earnie Rhone *(FA)*
1976 *6-8-0* *3rd, AFC East*	*LB* Larry Gordon *(1A)* *DE* Kim Bokamper *(1B)* *WR* Duriel Harris *(3)*		
1977 *10-4-0* *2nd, AFC East*	*LB* A.J. Duhe *(1)* *NT* Bob Baumhower *(2)*		
1978 *11-6-0* *2nd, AFC East*	*WR* Jimmy Cefalo *(3)* *CB* Gerald Small *(4A)* *T* Eric Laakso *(4B)* *DE* Doug Betters *(6)* *TE* Bruce Hardy *(9)* *C* Mark Dennard *(10)*		
1979 *10-7-0* *1st, AFC East*	*T* Jon Giesler *(1)* *G* Jeff Toews *(2)* *RB* Tony Nathan *(3A)* *TE* Ronnie Lee *(3C)* *K* Uwe von Schamann *(7)* *S* Glenn Blackwood *(8)* *S* Mike Kozlowski *(10)*		*T* Cleveland Green *(FA)*
1980 *8-8-0* *3rd, AFC East*	*CB* Don McNeal *(1)* *C* Dwight Stephenson *(2)* *TE* Joe Rose *(7)* *QB* David Woodley *(8B)*		*RB* Woody Bennett *(FA)* *LB* Steve Shull *(FA)*
1981 *11-5-1* *1st, AFC East*	*RB* Andra Franklin *(2)* *RB-KR* Tom Vigorito *(5B)* *CB-KR* Fulton Walker *(6B)* *CB* William Judson *(8)* *QB* Jim Jensen *(11)*	*LB* Bob Brudzinski *(from Los Angeles)* *RB* Eddie Hill *(from Los Angeles)*	*S* Lyle Blackwood *(FA)* *P* Tom Orosz *(FA)* *LB* Steve Potter *(FA)*
1982 *10-2-0* *AFC Champion*	*G-T* Roy Foster *(1B)* *WR* Mark Duper *(2)* *CB* Paul Lankford *(3)* *LB* Charles Bowser *(4)* *RB* Rich Diana *(5B)* *LB* Ron Hester *(6B)* *DE* Steve Clark *(9A)*		*NT* Richard Bishop *(FA)* *WR* Vince Heflin *(FA)*



Don Shula

Now in his twentieth season as an NFL head coach, Don Shula has the fourth-best coaching record in pro football history, 201-76-6. And today, in his fifth appearance, he is trying to become only the second coach to win three Super Bowls.

Born 53 years ago in Painesville, Ohio, Shula played at John Carroll University in Cleveland. During a seven-year NFL career, he played for the Cleveland Browns, Baltimore Colts, and Washington Redskins.

Shula entered coaching as an assistant at Virginia in 1958. The next year he went to Kentucky, and in 1960 entered the pro coaching ranks as an assistant with Detroit.

In 1963, he became the head coach of the Baltimore Colts, and in seven years he compiled a 71-23-4 record, including 13-1 in 1968 when the Colts had the best record in football and played in Super Bowl III.

Shula moved to Miami in 1970, where he has compiled a 130-53-2 record, including the only unbeaten, untied season (17-0) in NFL history in 1972, and back-to-back Super Bowl champion teams in 1972 and 1973.

His staff includes Bill Arnsparger, assistant head coach, defense; Steve Crosby, special teams; Tom Keane, defensive backfield, punters; John Sandusky, offensive line, running game; Mike Scarry, defensive line, run defense; David Shula, receivers; and Carl Taseff, offensive backfield, special teams.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

How They Were Built

Year	Draft (15)	Trades (8)	Free Agents (24) Waivers (2)
1972 *13-4-0* *NFC Champion*			*T* George Starke *(W)*
1973 *10-5-0* *2nd, NFC East*			
1974 *10-5-0* *2nd, NFC East*		*QB* Joe Theismann *(from Miami)*	*K* Mark Moseley *(FA)*
1975 *8-6-0* *3rd, NFC East*			*DT* Dave Butz *(FA)*
1976 *10-5-0* *2nd, NFC East*		*CB* Joe Lavender *(from Philadelphia)*	*RB* John Riggins *(FA)*
1977 *9-5-0* *2nd, NFC East*			*DT* Perry Brooks *(FA)* *RB* Clarence Harmon *(FA)* *S* Mark Murphy *(FA)*
1978 *8-8-0* *3rd, NFC East*			*G* Fred Dean *(FA)*
1979 *10-6-0* *3rd, NFC East*	*TE* Don Warren *(4)* *LB* Rich Milot *(7)* *LB* Monte Coleman *(11)*	*S* Tony Peters *(from Cleveland)*	*LB* Neal Olkewicz *(FA)*
1980 *6-10-0* *3rd, NFC East*	*DE* Mat Mendenhall *(2)*	*RB* Wilbur Jackson *(from San Francisco)* *CB* Jeris White *(from Tampa Bay)*	*C* Jeff Bostic *(FA)* *S-KR* Mike Nelms *(FA)* *TE* Rick Walker *(FA)*
1981 *8-8-0* *4th, NFC East*	*G* Mark May *(1)* *C-G* Russ Grimm *(3)* *DE* Dexter Manley *(5)* *LB* Larry Kubin *(6)* *WR* Charlie Brown *(8)* *DT* Darryl Grant *(9)* *TE* Clint Didier *(12)*	*RB* Joe Washington *(from Baltimore)*	*TE* Rich Caster *(FA)* *LB* Pete Cronan *(FA)* *WR* Alvin Garrett *(W)* *RB* Nick Giaquinto *(FA)* *T* Joe Jacoby *(FA)* *S* Curtis Jordan *(FA)* *LB* Mel Kaufman *(FA)* *LB* Quentin Lowry *(FA)* *CB* LeCharls McDaniel *(FA)* *WR* Virgil Seay *(FA)* *RB* Otis Wonsley *(FA)*
1982 *11-1-0* *NFC Champion*	*CB* Vernon Dean *(2)* *DE* Todd Liebenstein *(4)* *QB* Bob Holly *(11B)* *T* Donald Laster *(12)*	*DE* Tony McGee *(from New England)* *QB* Tom Owen *(from New England)*	*P* Jeff Hayes *(FA)* *T* Garry Puetz *(FA)* *S* Greg Williams *(FA)*

Joe Gibbs

When the Redskins hired Joe Gibbs, one of their priorities was to increase offensive production. In Gibbs's first year, 1981, the Redskins improved from 6-10 to 8-8, and scored 86 more points. Then, the 42-year-old Gibbs turned his attention to defense, and this year the Redskins gave up the fewest points in the NFL. They also achieved the best record in the league (11-1) and earned the team's second Super Bowl appearance (the Redskins also played in Game VII).

A native of Mocksville, North Carolina, Gibbs played for Don Coryell at San Diego State from 1961-63.

He served on Coryell's staff from 1964-66, and then as offensive coordinator at Florida State (1967-68), and offensive line coach at USC (1969-1970) and Arkansas (1971-72).

Gibbs rejoined Coryell with the St. Louis Cardinals, serving as offensive backfield coach from 1973-77. He was the offensive coordinator for Tampa Bay in 1978, and then again under Coryell with the San Diego Chargers in 1979-1980.

His assistants include Don Breaux, offensive backs; Joe Bugel, offensive coordinator; Dan Henning, assistant head coach; Bill Hickman, administrative assistant; Larry Peccatiello, linebackers; Richie Petitbon, defensive coordinator; Dan Riley, strength; Wayne Sevier, special teams; Warren Simmons, tight ends; Charley Taylor, receivers; and LaVern Torgeson, defensive line.

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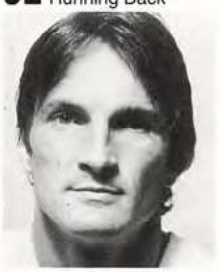

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80 JOE ROSE
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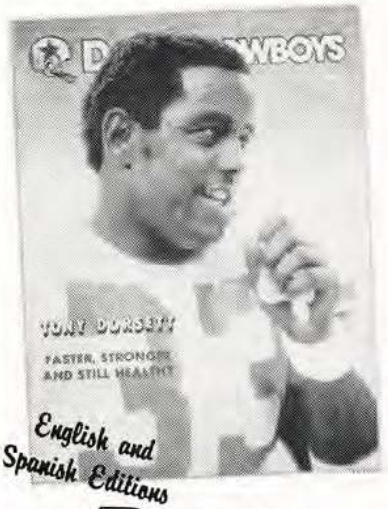

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73	Baumhower, Bob	NT	6-5	260	8/4/55	6	Alabama
34	Bennett, Woody	RB	6-2	222	3/24/55	4	Miami
75	Betters, Doug	DE	6-7	260	6/11/56	5	Nevada-Reno
72	Bishop, Richard	NT	6-1	265	3/23/50	7	Louisville
47	Blackwood, Glenn	S	6-0	186	2/23/57	4	Texas
42	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-1	188	5/2/51	10	Texas Christian
58	Bokamper, Kim	DE	6-6	250	9/25/54	6	San Jose State
56	Bowser, Charles	LB	6-3	222	10/2/59	R	Duke
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	230	1/1/55	6	Ohio State
81	Cefalo, Jimmy	WR	5-11	188	10/5/56	5	Penn State
76	Clark, Steve	DE	6-4	255	8/2/60	R	Utah
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	252	11/28/48	12	Central College, Iowa
63	Dennard, Mark	C	6-1	252	11/2/55	4	Texas A&M
33	Diana, Rich	RB	5-9	220	9/6/60	R	Yale
77	Duhe, A.J.	LB	6-4	248	11/27/55	6	Louisiana State
85	Duper, Mark	WR	5-9	185	1/25/59	R	Northwestern Louisiana
61	Foster, Roy	G-T	6-4	275	5/24/60	R	USC
37	Franklin, Andra	RB	5-10	225	8/22/59	2	Nebraska
79	Giesler, Jon	T	6-5	260	12/23/56	4	Michigan
50	Gordon, Larry	LB	6-4	230	7/8/54	7	Arizona State
74	Green, Cleveland	T	6-3	262	9/11/57	4	Southern U.
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-4	230	6/1/56	5	Arizona State
82	Harris, Duriel	WR	5-11	176	11/27/54	7	New Mexico State
88	Heflin, Vince	WR	6-0	185	7/7/59	R	Central State, Ohio
53	Hester, Ron	LB	6-1	218	5/26/59	R	Florida State
31	Hill, Eddie	RB	6-2	210	5/13/57	4	Memphis State
11	Jensen, Jim	QB	6-4	212	11/14/58	2	Boston University
49	Judson, William	CB	6-1	181	3/26/59	1	South Carolina State
40	Kozlowski, Mike	S	6-0	198	2/24/56	3	Colorado
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	255	10/14/47	13	Notre Dame
68	Laakso, Eric	T	6-4	265	11/29/56	5	Tulane
44	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-1	178	6/15/58	R	Penn State
86	Lee, Ronnie	TE	6-3	236	12/24/56	4	Baylor
28	McNeal, Don	CB	5-11	192	5/6/58	3	Alabama
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	188	9/19/51	9	Florida
22	Nathan, Tony	RB	6-0	206	12/14/56	4	Alabama
3	Orosz, Tom	P	6-1	204	9/26/59	2	Ohio State
54	Potter, Steve	LB	6-3	235	11/6/57	2	Virginia
55	Rhone, Earnie	LB	6-2	224	8/20/53	7	Henderson, Arkansas
80	Rose, Joe	TE	6-3	230	6/24/57	3	California
52	Shull, Steve	LB	6-1	220	3/27/58	3	William & Mary
48	Small, Gerald	CB	5-11	192	8/10/56	5	San Jose State
57	Stephenson, Dwight	C	6-2	255	11/20/57	3	Alabama
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	11/27/50	9	Virginia Tech
60	Toews, Jeff	G	6-3	255	11/4/57	4	Washington
32	Vigorito, Tom	RB-KR	5-10	197	10/23/59	2	Virginia
5	von Schamann, Uwe	K	6-0	188	4/23/56	4	Oklahoma
41	Walker, Fulton	CB-KR	5-10	193	4/30/58	2	West Virginia
16	Woodley, David	QB	6-2	204	10/25/58	3	Louisiana State

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LG	**—67 Bob Kuechenberg**		
C	**—57 Dwight Stephenson**	63 Mark Dennard	
RG	**—60 Jeff Toews**		
RT	**—68 Eric Laakso**	61 Roy Foster	
TE	**—84 Bruce Hardy**	86 Ronnie Lee	80 Joe Rose
WR	**—81 Jimmy Cefalo**	89 Nat Moore	85 Mark Duper
QB	**—16 David Woodley**	10 Don Strock	11 Jim Jensen
RB	**—37 Andra Franklin**	34 Woody Bennett	31 Eddie Hill
RB	**—22 Tony Nathan**	32 Tom Vigorito	33 Rich Diana
DEFENSE			
LE	**—58 Kim Bokamper**	83 Vern Den Herder	
NT	**—73 Bob Baumhower**	72 Richard Bishop	
RE	**—75 Doug Betters**	76 Steve Clark	
LOLB	**—59 Bob Brudzinski**	53 Ron Hester	
LILB	**—77 A.J. Duhe**	54 Steve Potter	
RILB	**—55 Earnie Rhone**	52 Steve Shull	
ROLB	**—50 Larry Gordon**	56 Charles Bowser	
LCB	**—48 Gerald Small**	41 Fulton Walker	44 Paul Lankford
RCB	**—28 Don McNeal**	49 William Judson	
SS	**—47 Glenn Blackwood**	40 Mike Kozlowski	
FS	**—42 Lyle Blackwood**	40 Mike Kozlowski	
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K	**— 5 Uwe von Schamann**		
H	**—10 Don Strock**	3 Tom Orosz	
PC	**—84 Bruce Hardy**	67 Bob Kuechenberg	
KC	**—67 Bob Kuechenberg**	63 Mark Dennard	
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DOLPHINS NUMERICAL ROSTER

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5	von Schamann, Uwe ... K	42	Blackwood, Lyle ... S	59	Brudzinski, Bob ... LB	80	Rose, Joe ... TE
10	Strock, Don ... QB	44	Lankford, Paul ... CB	60	Toews, Jeff ... G	81	Cefalo, Jimmy ... WR
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31	Hill, Eddie ... RB	52	Shull, Steve ... LB	72	Bishop, Richard ... NT	86	Lee, Ronnie ... TE
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73	Mark May	RG
74	George Starke	RT
85	Don Warren	TE
87	Charlie Brown	WR
7	Joe Theismann	QB
44	John Riggins	RB
25	Joe Washington	RB

DEFENSE

76	Mat Mendenhall	LE
65	Dave Butz	LT
77	Darryl Grant	RT
72	Dexter Manley	RE
55	Mel Kaufman	LLB
52	Neal Olkewicz	MLB
57	Rich Milot	RLB
45	Jeris White	LCB
32	Vernon Dean	RCB
23	Tony Peters	SS
29	Mark Murphy	FS

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3	Moseley, Mark	K	38	Harmon, Clarence	RB	56	Lowry, Quentin	LB	77	Grant, Darryl	DT
5	Hayes, Jeff	P	39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	57	Milot, Rich	LB	78	McGee, Tony	DE
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	62	Laster, Donald	T	79	Liebenstein, Todd	DE
8	Holly, Bob	QB	44	Riggins, John	RB	63	Dean, Fred	G	80	Seay, Virgil	WR
17	Owen, Tom	QB	45	White, Jeris	CB	65	Butz, Dave	DT	82	Caster, Rich	TE
20	Lavender, Joe	CB	46	McDaniel, LeCharls	CB	66	Jacoby, Joe	T	85	Warren, Don	TE
21	Nelms, Mike	S-KR	47	Williams, Greg	S	68	Grimm, Russ	C-G	86	Didier, Clint	TE
22	Jordan, Curtis	S	50	Kubin, Larry	LB	69	Brooks, Perry	DT	87	Brown, Charlie	WR
23	Peters, Tony	S	51	Coleman, Monte	LB	71	Puetz, Garry	T	88	Walker, Rick	TE
25	Washington, Joe	RB	52	Olkewicz, Neal	LB	72	Manley, Dexter	DE	89	Garrett, Alvin	WR
29	Murphy, Mark	S	53	Bostic, Jeff	C	73	May, Mark	G			
30	Giaquinto, Nick	RB	54	Cronan, Pete	LB	74	Starke, George	T			
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87	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	179	10/29/58	1	South Carolina State
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89	Garrett, Alvin	WR	5-7	178	10/1/56	3	Angelo State
30	Giaquinto, Nick	RB	5-11	204	4/4/55	3	Connecticut
77	Grant, Darryl	DT	6-2	265	11/22/59	2	Rice
68	Grimm, Russ	C-G	6-3	273	5/2/59	2	Pittsburgh
38	Harmon, Clarence	RB	5-11	209	11/30/55	6	Mississippi State
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66	Jacoby, Joe	T	6-7	295	7/6/59	2	Louisville
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73	May, Mark	G	6-6	288	11/2/59	2	Pittsburgh
46	McDaniel, LeCharls	CB	5-9	169	10/15/58	2	Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo
78	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	1/18/49	12	Bishop, Texas
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17	Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	194	9/1/52	9	Wichita State
23	Peters, Tony	S	6-1	190	4/28/53	8	Oklahoma
71	Puetz, Garry	T	6-4	265	3/14/52	10	Valparaiso
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	235	8/4/49	11	Kansas
80	Seay, Virgil	WR	5-8	175	1/1/58	2	Troy State
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	260	7/18/48	10	Columbia
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	198	9/9/49	9	Notre Dame
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-4	235	5/28/55	6	UCLA
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	5/5/56	4	San Diego State
25	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	179	9/24/53	6	Oklahoma
45	White, Jeris	CB	5-10	188	9/3/52	9	Hawaii
47	Williams, Greg	S	5-11	185	8/1/59	R	Mississippi State
39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	5-10	214	8/13/57	2	Alcorn State

R—A first-year player who has not previously been in an NFL training camp.

THREE-DEEP LINEUPS

OFFENSE

WR	**—89 Alvin Garrett**	80 Virgil Seay		
LT	**—66 Joe Jacoby**	62 Donald Laster		
LG	**—68 Russ Grimm**	63 Fred Dean		
C	**—53 Jeff Bostic**	68 Russ Grimm		
RG	**—73 Mark May**	71 Garry Puetz		
RT	**—74 George Starke**	62 Donald Laster		
TE	**—85 Don Warren**	88 Rick Walker	82 Rich Caster	
WR	**—87 Charlie Brown**	86 Clint Didier		
QB	**— 7 Joe Theismann**	17 Tom Owen	8 Bob Holly	
RB	**—44 John Riggins**	39 Otis Wonsley	40 Wilbur Jackson	
RB	**—25 Joe Washington**	38 Clarence Harmon	30 Nick Giaquinto	

DEFENSE

LE	**—76 Mat Mendenhall**	79 Todd Liebenstein		
LT	**—65 Dave Butz**	76 Mat Mendenhall		
RT	**—77 Darryl Grant**	69 Perry Brooks		
RE	**—72 Dexter Manley**	78 Tony McGee		
LLB	**—55 Mel Kaufman**	51 Monte Coleman	56 Quentin Lowry	
MLB	**—52 Neal Olkewicz**	50 Larry Kubin	54 Pete Cronan	
RLB	**—57 Rich Milot**	56 Quentin Lowry		
LCB	**—45 Jeris White**	46 LeCharls McDaniel		
RCB	**—32 Vernon Dean**	20 Joe Lavender		
SS	**—23 Tony Peters**	21 Mike Nelms		
FS	**—29 Mark Murphy**	22 Curtis Jordan	47 Greg Williams	

SPECIALISTS

P	**— 5 Jeff Hayes**			
K	**— 3 Mark Moseley**	5 Jeff Hayes		
H	**— 7 Joe Theismann**	5 Jeff Hayes	17 Tom Owen	
PC	**—53 Jeff Bostic**	77 Darryl Grant		
KC	**—53 Jeff Bostic**	77 Darryl Grant		
PR	**—21 Mike Nelms**	89 Alvin Garrett	30 Nick Giaquinto	80 Virgil Seay
KR	**—21 Mike Nelms**	89 Alvin Garrett	30 Nick Giaquinto	80 Virgil Seay

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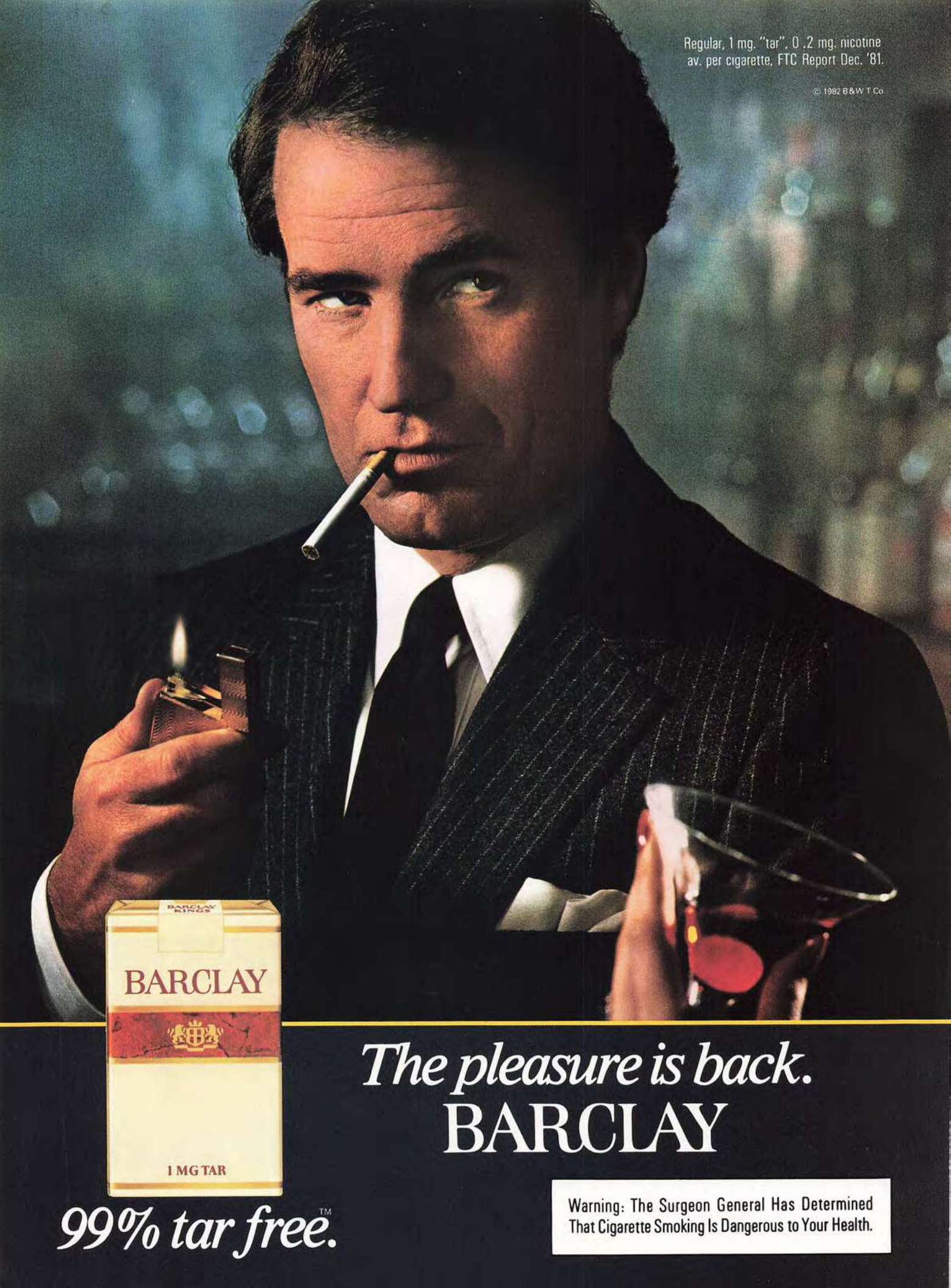
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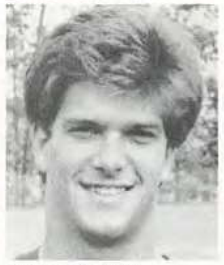

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Quarterback

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Cornerback

21 MIKE NELMS
Kick Returner

22 CURTIS JORDAN
Safety

23 TONY PETERS
Safety

25 J. WASHINGTON
Running Back

29 MARK MURPHY
Safety

30 NICK GIAQUINTO
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44 JOHN RIGGINS
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46 L. McDANIEL
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47 GREG WILLIAMS
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50 LARRY KUBIN
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51 MONTE COLEMAN
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52 NEAL OLKEWICZ
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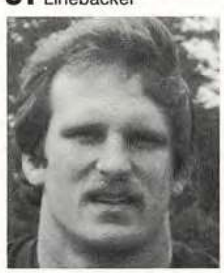

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Linebacker

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Tackle

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Tackle

68 RUSS GRIMM
Guard

69 PERRY BROOKS
Defensive Tackle

71 GARRY PUETZ
Tackle

72 DEXTER MANLEY
Defensive End

73 MARK MAY
Guard

74 GEORGE STARKE
Tackle

76 M. MENDENHALL
Defensive End

77 DARRYL GRANT
Defensive Tackle

78 TONY McGEE
Defensive End

79 T. LIEBENSTEIN
Defensive End

80 VIRGIL SEAY
Wide Receiver

82 RICH CASTER
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85 DON WARREN
Tight End

86 CLINT DIDIER
Tight End

87 CHARLIE BROWN
Wide Receiver

88 RICK WALKER
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89 ALVIN GARRETT
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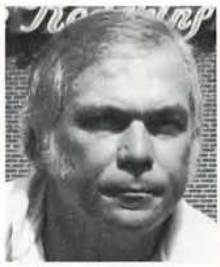

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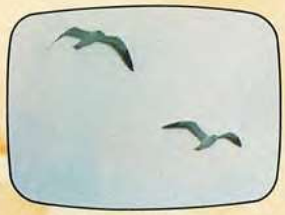

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After the turbulence cleared, the NFL reshuffled the 1982 season and dealt a flush of thrills.

The 63rd Year

By Larry Eldridge, Jr.

There's no getting around it. The NFL's sixty-third season was an original.

It's been a frenetic ride. . .from the much anticipated opening of training camps in July. . .to the gathering storm of the players strike. . .through the stirring playoff tournament. . .and finally to today's dénouement.

Seven regular season games were sacrificed to the first in-season players strike in NFL history. When the Players Association and the Management Council finally shook hands and play resumed, the league's competition committee presented a new playoff format, devised to accommodate the shortened season.

For this year only, teams made the playoffs on the basis of their conference—instead of divisional—standings. The normal 10-team field was expanded to 16, arrayed in a four-game, single-elimination tournament.

As a result, there may be some footnotes in the record book to document many of the events in this abbreviated season. Yet despite all the tumult, when the players were on the field, there was no shortage of excitement. San Diego, for one, provided a whole season's worth in a pair of back-to-back victories in mid-December against last year's two Super Bowl opponents, San Francisco and Cincinnati.

Throughout the countdown to the playoffs, and, during the past three weeks, there has been an emotional kaleidoscope of inspired performances, dramatic finishes, and for some, deflated disappointment.

For most of the season, Dallas remained a team you could set your watch by. The Cowboys slumped mildly at the end, but made the playoffs for the eighth straight season, and the sixteenth time in the past 17 years.

The Pack came back—strong—and qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1972. The Redskins hardly had to check the rear view mirror and inhaled the rarified air of first place in the NFC all season long.

Minnesota moved out of the cold, into a new stadium, and back into the playoffs after a miss in 1981. Atlanta found its legs in midseason. St. Louis, after a shaky start, also earned a berth.

Detroit and Tampa Bay kept their fans wondering until the final week of the season; each took turns going up the down staircase.

Not all of the surprises in the NFC occurred near the top of the standings. The defending Super Bowl champion 49ers joined two other recent NFC Super Bowl teams—Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Rams—on skid row. Injuries and a malnourished running game did in San Francisco. The Eagles and the Rams both were betrayed by once-awesome defenses.

There were rays of optimism in Chicago and New Orleans, and the Giants came close, but it was 'wait 'til next year' in those three cities.

The race in the AFC seemed less muddled from the start. Cincinnati picked up where it left off last year and steered a straight course for the playoffs. For that matter, so did San Diego, Miami, and the New York Jets.

The Raiders, now based in Los Angeles, recaptured the form that led them to victory in Super Bowl XV.

After a dynamic start, Pittsburgh encountered a few potholes in the backstretch, but finished strong. Conversely, Cleveland and New England dug themselves into early holes from which to climb. . .but they too recovered to make the tournament.

Seattle changed coaches in mid-stream and began to throw its weight around a little, but still missed the final cut. So did Buffalo, which faltered at the end. There was little joy in Denver, Houston, or Kansas City, and none at all in Baltimore.

As always, things finally boiled down to chemistry. The two teams in the Rose Bowl today had everything they needed—and put it all to good use.

Each earned the champagne that is on ice in anticipation of a championship celebration. One will prove to be better (today, anyway), and will drink its bubbly with greater enthusiasm.

For a more complete look at how these two teams reached the NFL's pinnacle game—and for a review of the entire 1982 season—turn the page.

Week One

SEPTEMBER 12: NEW SEASON, NEW HEROES

With mercurial rookie Marcus Allen earning rave reviews in his NFL première, the Los Angeles Raiders welcomed San Francisco to the 1982 season somewhat rudely by defeating the defending Super Bowl champions 23-17.

Allen, the 1981 Heisman Trophy winner from USC, slashed and pirouetted for 116 yards rushing, caught four passes for 64 more yards, and established instant credibility.

"Marcus gives us a whole new dimension," said Raiders quarterback Jim Plunkett, himself a former Heisman winner. "He turns short passes into long gains, and somehow gets extra yardage on his runs. He has that ability all the great ones have, and it's something you just can't define."

The 49ers' celebrated passing attack short-circuited in crucial moments. Quarterback Joe Montana was sacked five times and pressured throughout the game by an aroused Raiders defense.

Green Bay and the Los Angeles Rams played one for Ripley's at Milwaukee's County Stadium, as the Packers amazingly turned a 23-0 halftime deficit into a 35-23 victory.

After personally contributing two fumbles and two interceptions during his team's forgettable first half malaise, Packers quarterback Lynn Dickey at one point feared he might be benched in the second half. But the 12-year veteran instead came back to throw three touchdown passes—including two to tight end Paul Coffman—in Green Bay's second-half blitzkrieg.

Two long streaks came to an abrupt halt on Monday night as Pittsburgh parlayed a 17-point third quarter and a big-play defense into a 36-28 victory at Dallas. With quarterback Terry Bradshaw throwing three touchdown passes and running back Franco Harris rushing for 103 yards, the Cowboys lost on opening day for the first time in 18 years, and also said goodbye to an 18-game winning streak at home. It was the Steelers' fifth consecutive victory over Dallas.

Two other AFC Central teams also came out on top. Cincinnati breezed past defenseless Houston 27-6 behind quarterback Ken Anderson, who completed 29 of 40 passes for 354 yards and two touchdowns. Cleveland, sparked by the one-two punch of Mike Pruitt (136 yards rushing) and Charles White (73 yards), stopped Seattle 21-7.

Undaunted by an 0-7-1 record in its last eight meetings with the New York Jets, Miami opened with a 45-28 victory over the Jets at Shea Stadium. Leading 24-14 in the third quarter, the Dolphins blistered the Jets with three touchdowns in a span of 1:45—a 15-yard touchdown pass from running back Tony Nathan to *quarterback* David Woodley on a trick play from a Shotgun formation, and a pair of returned interceptions for touchdowns by safety Glenn Blackwood and cornerback Don McNeal.

Second-year running back Tony Collins rushed for 137 yards and caught a 15-yard touchdown pass to help complement an aggressive New England defense that caused four turnovers as the Patriots defeated the Colts 24-13 to spoil the NFL coaching debut of Baltimore's Frank Kush.

"We feel we can out-tough and out-physical people in this league," said New England's Ron Meyer, who also was making his NFL coaching bow.

Lightly regarded in recent years, San Diego's defense was the story of the game as the Chargers defeated Denver 23-3 at Mile High Stadium. The Chargers forced five turnovers to help snap the Broncos' 11-game winning streak at home.

"We took the first step toward getting the Rodney Dangerfield image off our back," said former Tampa Bay linebacker David Lewis, one of several new faces in the San Diego defense.

Defense was almost an afterthought at Veterans Stadium, where Washington surprised Philadelphia 37-34 when Mark Moseley kicked a 26-yard field goal at 4:47 of overtime. Moseley had earlier forced the extra period with a 48-yard field goal as time ran out in regulation.

Detroit and Minnesota each won by scores of 17-10. The Vikings successfully christened the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome at the expense of Tampa Bay. The Lions, meanwhile, celebrated the return of six-week holdout Billy Sims by defeating Chicago, with Sims scoring the winning touchdown on a three-yard run.

NEWSMAKERS

Alzado

Butler

Glazebrook

Los Angeles Raiders defensive end **Lyle Alzado,** the 12-year veteran acquired from Cleveland in exchange for a ninth-round draft choice, sacked Joe Montana twice and hurried the 49ers quarterback's passes on at least five other occasions in the Raiders' 23-17 victory. Wide receiver **Jerry Butler,** despite missing five weeks of training camp, caught six passes for 51 yards, including a six-yard reception with 37 seconds left in the first half that provided the winning points in Buffalo's 14-9 victory over Kansas City. Strong safety **Bob Glazebrook** returned a recovered fumble 91 yards for a touchdown to help Atlanta stop the New York Giants 16-14. Miami tackle **Eric Laakso** played a prominent role as the Dolphins' offensive line closed down the New York Jets Sack Exchange defensive line, permitting no sacks of quarterback David Woodley. Running back **Eddie Lee Ivery** rushed for 109 yards and two touchdowns in the Packers' victory over the Rams. Strong safety **Andre Young,** a tenth-round draft choice from Louisiana Tech, forced one fumble, recovered two others, and intercepted a pass to help San Diego defeat Denver 23-3.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	14	9
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	6
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	21	7
L.A. Raiders	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	45	28
New England	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	36	28
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	13	24
Denver	0	1	0	.000	3	23
Houston	0	1	0	.000	6	27
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	9	14
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	28	45
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	7	21

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	35	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	21	7
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	37	34
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	10	17
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	28	36
L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	23	35
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	7	21
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	34	37
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	17	23
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	10	17

SCORES

American Football Conference

Buffalo 14, Kansas City 9
Cincinnati 27, Houston 6
Cleveland 21, Seattle 7
Miami 45, New York Jets 28
New England 24, Baltimore 13
San Diego 23, Denver 3

National Football Conference

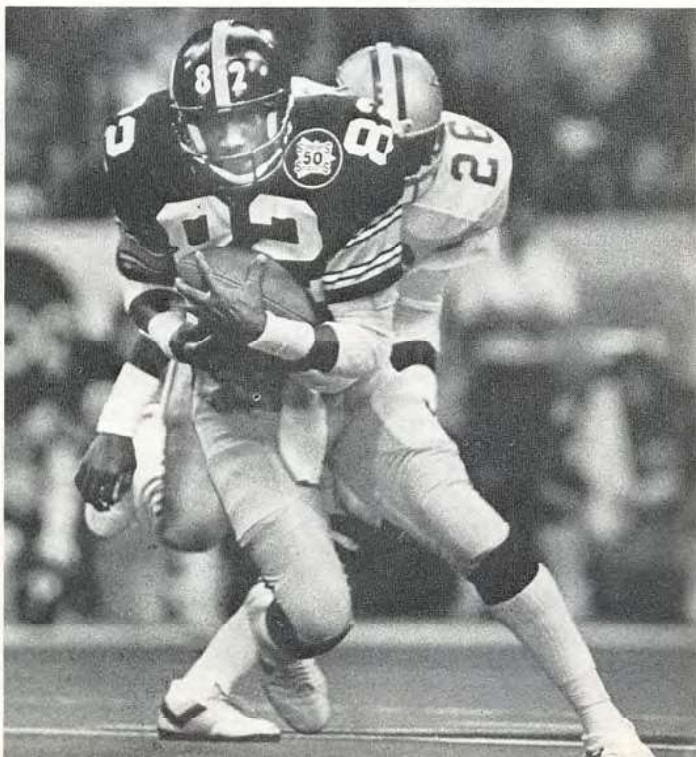
Atlanta 16, New York Giants 14
Detroit 17, Chicago 10
Green Bay 35, Los Angeles Rams 23
Minnesota 17, Tampa Bay 10
St. Louis 21, New Orleans 7
Washington 37, Philadelphia 34, overtime

Interconference Games

Los Angeles Raiders 23, San Francisco 17
Pittsburgh 36, Dallas 28

AFC, 2 victories; NFC, 0 victories

►Clockwise from top left: *Jerry Butler's diving six-yard touchdown catch was pivotal as the Bills defeated Kansas City 14-9. The Packers saved their celebrating for the second half as they erased a 23-point deficit to stun the Rams 35-23. A one-yard touchdown run by rookie Robert Weathers (24) helped seal New England's 24-13 victory over Baltimore. John Stallworth plundered Dallas's secondary, catching seven passes for 137 yards and a touchdown, as the Steelers defeated the Cowboys 36-28. Rookie running back Marcus Allen was the catalyst as the Los Angeles Raiders stopped San Francisco 23-17. Houston's Earl Campbell temporarily eludes Cincinnati linebacker Tom Dinkel, but the Oilers couldn't hide from the Bengals, losing 27-6.*



Week Two

SEPTEMBER 19: EARLY RETURNS INVITE ANALYSIS

The Steelers are tough. . .again.

That message seemed clear enough after Pittsburgh (2-0) defeated Cincinnati (1-1) 26-20 in overtime at Three Rivers Stadium.

In a game that was played—and won—in the air (both teams combined for less than 100 yards rushing), Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw was superb. The cagey 13-year veteran completed 29 of his 42 passes for 298 yards and three touchdowns, the final one for two yards to wide receiver John Stallworth just 68 seconds into overtime.

Cincinnati quarterback Ken Anderson, the NFL's 1981 player of the year, passed for 323 yards, but was intercepted three times (twice by strong safety Donnie Shell) as the Bengals lost to the Steelers for the first time since 1979.

Franco Harris, the third-leading rusher in NFL history, gained just three yards on six carries, but he caught a career-high 11 passes for 88 yards.

"Once in a while we [the running backs] tell him [Bradshaw], 'Throw it to us, we're open,' " Harris said. "We have such great receivers that everybody drops back to cover them, so why not throw it to us?"

Although his team's record dropped to 0-2 after losing to Denver 24-21, San Francisco head coach Bill Walsh remained optimistic. "I feel badly about the game, but I think we can still have a good season," he said, after watching one of his former quarterbacks with the 49ers, Steve DeBerg, throw a pair of touchdown passes for the Broncos. Denver eked out the victory when free agent Rich Karlis, who beat out seven-year veteran Fred Steinfort for the kicking job in training camp, hit an 18-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

Washington proved to be the better mudder as it sloshed past Tampa Bay in a rain-soaked (and error-filled) game at Tampa Stadium. Running back John Riggins was the Washington workhorse with 136 yards on 34 carries as the Redskins won their fifth consecutive game (counting three straight to close the 1981 season).

Dallas and Philadelphia, the recent class of the NFC East, successfully rebounded from opening game losses. The Cowboys scored 17 unanswered points in the second half against St. Louis to snap a 7-7 halftime tie. Meanwhile, running back Leroy Harris scored on a three-yard touchdown run with 22 seconds to go—his only run of the day—to give the Eagles a 24-21 victory over Cleveland. A 30-yard pass from quarterback Ron Jaworski (341 yards passing) to wide receiver Harold Carmichael (six receptions for 100 yards) set up the winning score.

"He [Jaworski] has been super, coming up with what's needed," said Philadelphia head coach Dick Vermeil. "I call it, and he gets it done."

For the second week in a row Green Bay awakened from an uninspired first half to catch, tie, and finally put away its opponent—this time the New York Giants—with a furious second-half flurry.

Trailing 19-7 in the third quarter of the Monday night contest at Giants Stadium, which was marred by two power blackouts in the second quarter, the Packers rallied for 20 points on an 83-yard end around by James Lofton, an 11-yard touchdown run by Eddie Lee Ivery, and two field goals by Jan Stenerud to turn the lights out on the Giants.

Quarterback Jim Plunkett, looking very much reborn, passed for 237 yards and two touchdowns as the Los Angeles Raiders defeated Atlanta 38-14.

"Jim is throwing the ball very well this season," said veteran wide receiver Cliff Branch. "He's healthy, hungry, and ready to play football. He's our leader and he's got us going."

San Diego and Kansas City played a strange game at Arrowhead Stadium. For the second game in a row the Chargers' defense didn't allow a touchdown, and for the second straight game the Chiefs' offense didn't *score* a touchdown. But Kansas City won anyway, thanks to San Diego penalties and mistakes, a blocked punt by cornerback Gary Green that was recovered in the Chargers' end zone for a touchdown, and four field goals by Nick Lowery.

The New York Jets vented the frustration of their opening-day loss to Miami with a 31-7 victory at New England, but lost Sack Exchange leader Joe Klecko, who ruptured a tendon in his right knee and is expected to be sidelined for at least 12 weeks.

NEWSMAKERS

Campbell

Upchurch

Wilson

Buffalo quarterback **Joe Ferguson** completed 25 of 45 passes for 330 yards and three touchdowns, including the 11-yard game winner to wide receiver **Jerry Butler** with 2:48 left in the Bills' 23-22 victory against Minnesota. Detroit's **Billy Sims** rushed for 119 yards and caught five passes for 103 more to lead the Lions over the Rams 19-14. Redskins second-year defensive end **Dexter Manley** had a quarterback sack and recovered two fumbles in Washington's wet 21-13 win over Tampa Bay. Houston running back **Earl Campbell** rushed 30 times for 142 yards and scored the winning touchdown on a 12-yard run with 12 seconds left as the Oilers stopped Seattle 23-21. Two touchdowns by Denver's **Rick Upchurch**—a 67-yard punt return and a 37-yard reception—helped the Broncos defeat the 49ers 24-21. New Orleans's fourth-year running back **Wayne Wilson** more than compensated for the absence of **George Rogers** (pulled hamstring) by rushing for 138 yards in the Saints' victory over Chicago. **Tommy Vigorito's** 33-yard run for the go-ahead touchdown helped Miami slip past Baltimore 24-20.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	37	31
L.A. Raiders	2	0	0	1.000	61	31
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	69	48
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	62	48
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	47	32
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	42	31
Denver	1	1	0	.500	27	44
Houston	1	1	0	.500	29	48
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	28	26
New England	1	1	0	.500	31	44
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	59	52
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	35	22
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	33	48
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	28	44

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	36	24
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	62	42
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	58	47
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	30	52
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	43
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	39	33
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	17	21
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	58	58
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	28	31
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	10	27
L.A. Rams	0	2	0	.000	37	54
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	33	43
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	38	47
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	23	38

SCORES

American Football Conference

Houston 23, Seattle 21
Kansas City 19, San Diego 12
Miami 24, Baltimore 20
New York Jets 31, New England 7
Pittsburgh 26, Cincinnati 20, overtime

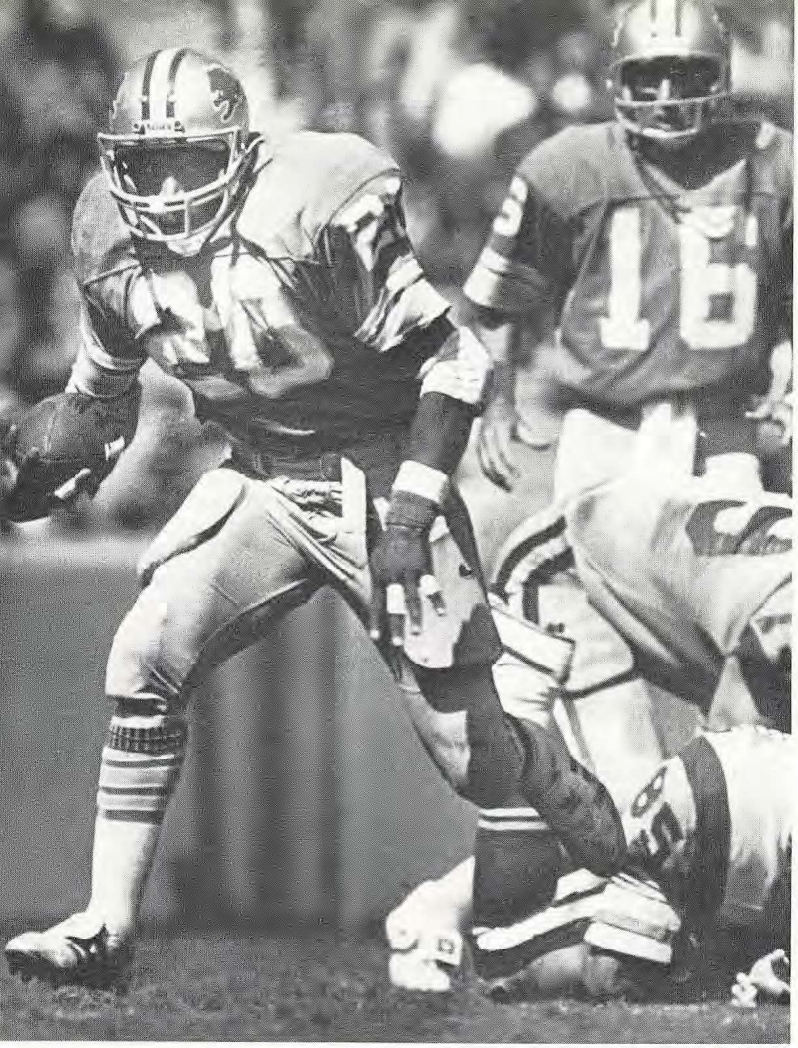
National Football Conference

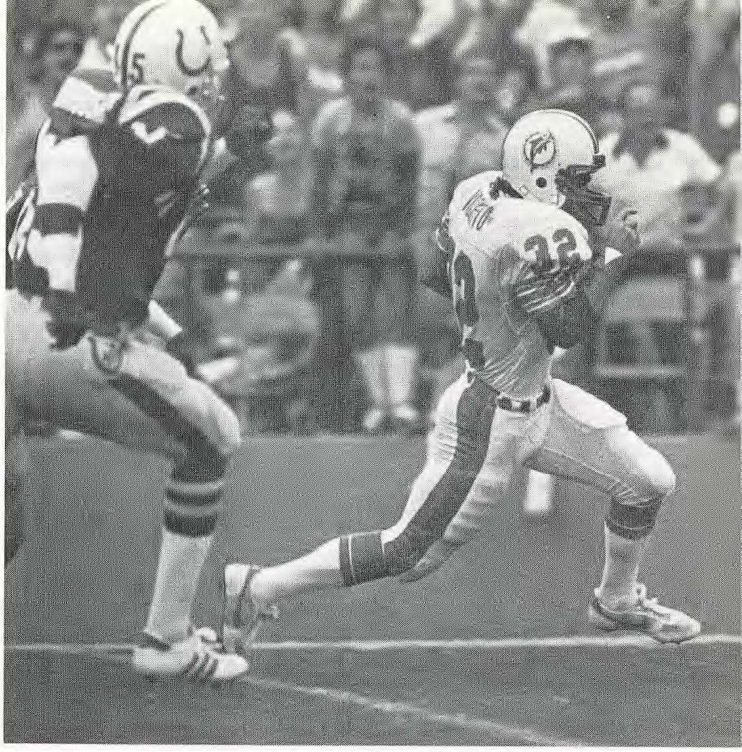
Dallas 24, St. Louis 7
Detroit 19, Los Angeles Rams 14
Green Bay 27, New York Giants 19
New Orleans 10, Chicago 0
Washington 21, Tampa Bay 13

Interconference Games

Buffalo 23, Minnesota 22
Denver 24, San Francisco 21
Los Angeles Raiders 38, Atlanta 14
Philadelphia 24, Cleveland 21
AFC, 5 victories; NFC, 1 victory

► *Clockwise from top left: Detroit's one-man wrecking crew, running back Billy Sims (119 yards rushing, 103 yards receiving), was too much for the Rams in the Lions' 19-14 victory. Running back Tommy Vigorito escapes for a 33-yard touchdown run—and the winning points—in Miami's 24-20 win over Baltimore. The New York Jets' 31-7 victory at New England was tarnished by the loss of Sack Exchange leader Joe Klecko, who ruptured a tendon in his right knee. Wide receiver James Lofton sprints away from New York Giants cornerback Mark Haynes for a touchdown on an 83-yard end around to ignite another second half comeback by the Packers, who won 27-19. Veteran Ken Stabler quarterbacked New Orleans to a 10-0 victory over winless Chicago.*





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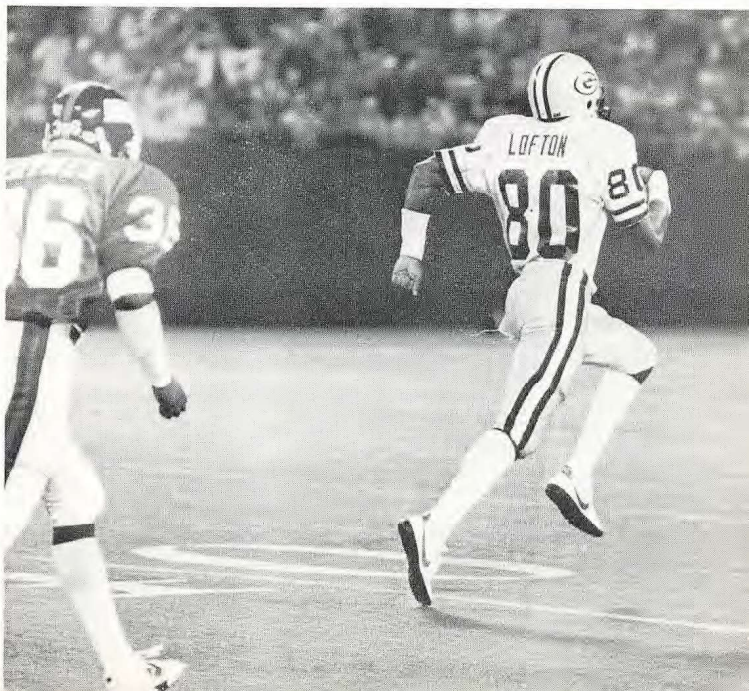
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Week Three

NOVEMBER 21: THE COBWEBS COME OFF

No one knew exactly what to expect when 28 well-rested teams resumed play after the first in-season players strike in NFL history.

After an eight-week layoff and a short practice week prior to the resumption of the regular season schedule, not everyone figured to be in midseason form—even though the calendar said it was midseason.

San Francisco resurrected its 1981 Super Bowl championship form to defeat St. Louis 31-20. Quarterback Joe Montana atoned for two costly turnovers by passing for a career high 408 yards and three second-half touchdowns.

"From now on we'll start practice every Wednesday," said 49ers head coach Bill Walsh. "This shows they have a lot of recall. I counted on their know-how."

Whether it was resilience, perseverance, or just plain guile, Green Bay quarterbacks Lynn Dickey and David Whitehurst had enough to lead the Packers over Minnesota.

The Vikings confronted the Packers with a blistering pass rush that resulted in eight sacks for 62 yards in losses. But Dickey and Whitehurst effectively countered the Vikings' onslaught by utilizing screen passes to set up two touchdowns and a pair of field goals, and the Packers (3-0) won 26-7.

"We felt if we had any shortcomings after the strike," said Whitehurst, "it would be pass blocking, because of the lack of coordination in our offensive line. We went to the screens because of their pass rush. Once their linemen were so far upfield, there was no way to recover to stop the screens."

Although Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw completed only 16 of 40 passes, and had 12 straight misfires at one point, three of his completions went for touchdowns as the Steelers defeated Houston 24-10 to extend their record to 3-0.

Meanwhile rookie quarterback Jim McMahon, making his first NFL start, shook off two first-quarter interceptions (one of which was returned for a touchdown by Detroit's Ray Oldham) to help the Bears break into the win column and give Mike Ditka his first NFL coaching victory.

McMahon passed for 233 yards and two touchdowns, and hit two long passes. The second bomb set up an 18-yard field goal by John Roveto with five seconds left, which beat the Lions 20-17.

Tampa Bay did just about everything right in its game against Dallas—except win. The Buccaneers moved the ball almost at will between the 20 yard lines; they outgained Dallas 382 yards to 185.

But Tampa Bay just couldn't break into the Dallas end zone, and ultimately had to settle for three field goals by Bill Capece. And when eleventh-year running back Robert Newhouse scored on a three-yard touchdown on his only carry of the game in the third quarter, the Buccaneers were unable to answer on the scoreboard, allowing the Cowboys to make off with a 14-9 victory.

There may not have been any vultures circling atop the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum at halftime on Monday night, but it wasn't because the Raiders had shown much life in the first half of their home opener against San Diego.

The Chargers soared to a 24-0 lead, scoring on four of their first five possessions. With leaks springing everywhere, Los Angeles head coach Tom Flores hardly had time to check for damage.

The Raiders did manage to cut their deficit to 24-7 36 seconds before halftime, but that was mainly courtesy of a fumble recovery by linebacker Ted Hendricks at the Chargers' 17.

Flores and the Raiders were forced to reach back for something extra in the second half. . .and they found what they needed.

"We did everything wrong in the first half," said running back Kenny King. "When I looked up and saw they had thirteen first downs, and we had one, I knew it was time to make something happen. All we did at halftime was decide to run the ball *at* them. We never really tried that in the first half."

The strategy worked, as King rushed for 61 yards in the second half, and rookie Marcus Allen scored on touchdown runs of three and six yards. When running back Frank Hawkins scored on a one-yard run with 5:54 left, the Raiders went in front to stay, 28-24.

And the unbeaten Raiders worked their Monday night magic once again, improving the NFL's best record in the prime time showcase game to 19-2-1.

NEWSMAKERS

Kozlowski

McNeil

Stabler

Freeman McNeil rushed for 123 yards and scored twice in the Jets' 37-0 victory over Baltimore. Linebacker **Reggie Williams** sacked quarterback Ron Jaworski for a pivotal safety in Cincinnati's 18-14 victory against the Eagles. Quarterback **Ken Stabler** completed 13 of 18 passes, and running back **George Rogers** rushed for 123 yards as New Orleans defeated Kansas City 27-17. Safety **Mike Kozlowski** had an interception and returned a recovered fumble 30 yards to set up the winning field goal by **Uwe von Schamann** in Miami's 9-7 victory at Buffalo. Seattle's **Jim Zorn** passed for 318 yards against Denver, including a 34-yard touchdown pass to **Steve Largent** with 49 seconds left to beat the Broncos 17-10. A sharp performance by quarterback **Joe Theismann** (16 of 24, two touchdowns), led Washington past the New York Giants 27-17. **William Andrews** rushed for 119 yards and a touchdown, and caught seven passes for 88 yards in Atlanta's 34-17 comeback victory over the Los Angeles Rams. **Matt Bahr's** 24-yard field goal with no time remaining gave Cleveland a 10-7 victory against New England.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	3	0	0	1.000	89	55
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	78	55
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	86	58
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	44	40
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	65	46
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	52	38
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	96	52
Denver	1	2	0	.333	37	61
Houston	1	2	0	.333	39	72
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	45	53
New England	1	2	0	.333	38	54
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	59	50
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	45	54
Baltimore	0	3	0	.000	33	85

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	88	49
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	85	64
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	64	69
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	66	52
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	53	44
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	44	38
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	30	44
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	46	59
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	72	76
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	48	62
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	69	67
L.A. Rams	0	3	0	.000	54	88
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	50	70
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	32	52

SCORES

American Football Conference

Cleveland 10, New England 7
Los Angeles Raiders 28, San Diego 24
Miami 9, Buffalo 7
New York Jets 37, Baltimore 0
Pittsburgh 24, Houston 10
Seattle 17, Denver 10

National Football Conference

Atlanta 34, Los Angeles Rams 17
Chicago 20, Detroit 17
Dallas 14, Tampa Bay 9
Green Bay 26, Minnesota 7
San Francisco 31, St. Louis 20
Washington 27, New York Giants 17

Interconference Games

Cincinnati 18, Philadelphia 14
New Orleans 27, Kansas City 17

AFC, 6 victories; NFC, 2 victories

► Clockwise from top left: *Wedged in by New England linebackers, Cleveland's Charles White struggles for yardage. The Browns struggled to a 10-7 win. Interim Seattle head coach Mike McCormack had reason to smile after his team surprised Denver 17-10. Chicago tight end Emery Moorehead clings to one of his three receptions against Detroit; the Bears clung to a 20-17 victory. With protection from tackle Jon Giesler and the Miami offensive line, Uwe von Schamann (5) kicked three field goals in a 9-7 victory over Buffalo. Hard running by fullback Kenny King (33) helped the Los Angeles Raiders defeat San Diego 28-24. Jim Smith caught three passes including one for a 27-yard touchdown, in Pittsburgh's 24-10 victory over Houston.*

Week Four

NOVEMBER 25: BEYOND THE JOKING STAGE

"This Thing is Getting Serious" read a newspaper headline in New Orleans. The 49ers surely took their 23-20 loss to the Saints seriously. But at least the defending Super Bowl champions could appreciate an unfolding rags-to-riches bid by the perennially downtrodden team from down on the Delta.

"The Saints are a hungry club, much like we were last year," said San Francisco linebacker Keena Turner.

Voracious might be a better word. After swallowing up three of their first four opponents, the rebuilding—and rejuvenated—Saints were off to their best start ever.

New Orleans carried a 23-6 lead into the fourth quarter, then weathered a furious rally by the 49ers, which included a pair of touchdown passes from Joe Montana that sliced the lead to three points. Jeff Groth's recovery of an onside kick with five seconds remaining finished the 49ers.

Calling signals for New Orleans was 36-year-old quarterback Ken Stabler, who was rescued from a premature retirement by head coach Bum Phillips during the summer, beat out Archie Manning for the starting job in preseason, and then justified Phillips's faith with vintage Stabler efficiency. He completed 11 of 20 passes for 154 yards and a touchdown against the 49ers.

"When the ball's spiraling through the air, and into the receiver's hands, I can't tell whether a thirty-six year-old guy throws it, or a twenty-six year-old guy," said Phillips.

All alone in first place in the NFC was Washington, which dropped Philadelphia 13-9 in the rain at RFK Stadium and emerged from the weekend as the NFL's only unbeaten team (4-0).

While the Redskins' secondary was confounding Philadelphia quarterback Ron Jaworski (four interceptions), Washington's Joe Theismann threw for 259 yards and a game-winning 65-yard touchdown to wide receiver Charlie Brown.

Perhaps more surprising than either the Saints' resurgence or the Redskins' perfect record was Seattle's 16-0 win over previously unbeaten Pittsburgh at the Kingdome.

The Steelers did lose quarterback Terry Bradshaw, who sprained a shoulder in the first quarter and was replaced by backup Cliff Stoudt. Pittsburgh head coach Chuck Noll, however, refused to use Bradshaw's absence as an excuse.

"I don't think who was quarterback was relevant," said Noll. "It looked like we were waiting for the win to come to us."

Instead, the Steelers had the *wind* knocked out of them by the charged up Seahawks, who evened their record at 2-2 and gave interim head coach Mike McCormack his second straight victory since replacing Jack Patera on October 13.

The Steelers weren't the only undefeated team to bite the dust this week; Green Bay and the Los Angeles Raiders also lost for the first time in 1982.

There was no need to call in Scotland Yard to decipher why the Raiders lost—the Bengals held rookie sensation Marcus Allen to zero net yards rushing (in eight attempts), and the Raiders managed a total of just 33 yards on the ground. Forced to the air, quarterback Jim Plunkett was intercepted four times (three by cornerback Ken Riley).

The Raiders, conversely, found no antidote for Cincinnati's Pete Johnson, who rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown to lead the Bengals to a 31-17 victory.

The Jets didn't handle Green Bay quite as easily, but Pat Leahy, who had earlier missed two extra point attempts to leave his team behind 13-12, kicked a 25-yard field goal late in the third quarter for a 15-12 victory.

In a somewhat more indirect way the Packers also contributed to the New York Giants' first victory of the season against Detroit on Thanksgiving.

With the game tied 6-6 in the fourth quarter, linebacker Lawrence Taylor intercepted a pass on the Giants' 3 and returned it 97 yards for the winning touchdown.

"Green Bay ran the identical play and beat me for a touchdown earlier in the season," said Taylor. "They [the Lions] called a time out and when they lined up, I recognized the formation as one similar to the Packers'. I was supposed to cover the man out of the backfield [Horace King], and when he went into the flat, I cut in front of him and got the pass."

He also got the Giants a 13-6 victory.

NEWSMAKERS

Collins

Colzie

Kramer

Tony Collins, the week's top rusher with 161 yards on 32 carries, also caught a 14-yard touchdown pass as New England defeated Houston 29-21. Other backs who played prominent roles in victories included the Los Angeles Rams' **Wendell Tyler** (138 yards rushing, two touchdowns in a 20-14 victory over Kansas City); St. Louis's **Ottis Anderson** (122 yards and a touchdown in a 23-20 win at Atlanta); Dallas's **Tony Dorsett** (116 yards, two touchdowns in a 31-14 Thanksgiving Day victory over Cleveland); and Buffalo's tandem of **Joe Cribbs** (94 yards) and **Roosevelt Leaks** (90 yards, two touchdowns), who led the Bills past Baltimore 20-0. Quarterback **Tommy Kramer** passed for 342 yards and a career-high five touchdowns in Minnesota's 35-7 victory over Chicago. Three of Kramer's scoring passes were caught by wide receiver **Sammy White**, who totaled 10 receptions for a personal best of 177 yards. San Diego's **Dan Fouts** passed for 337 yards in the Chargers' 30-20 win against Denver to set a new NFL record for most 300-yard passing games in a career (27). Two interceptions by **Neal Colzie** helped Tampa Bay defeat Miami 23-17.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	64	40
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	96	63
L.A. Raiders	3	1	0	.750	106	86
Miami	3	1	0	.750	95	78
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	111	65
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	86	74
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	66	69
New England	2	2	0	.500	67	75
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	89	70
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	61	54
Denver	1	3	0	.250	57	91
Houston	1	3	0	.250	60	101
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	59	73
Baltimore	0	4	0	.000	33	105

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	4	0	0	1.000	98	73
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	97	66
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	101	64
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	67	58
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	84	92
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	59	57
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	81	66
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	71	82
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	37	79
L.A. Rams	1	3	0	.250	74	102
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	63	76
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	81	89
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	89	90
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	55	69

SCORES

American Football Conference

Buffalo 20, Baltimore 0
Cincinnati 31, Los Angeles Raiders 17
New England 29, Houston 21
San Diego 30, Denver 20
Seattle 16, Pittsburgh 0

National Football Conference

Minnesota 35, Chicago 7
New Orleans 23, San Francisco 20
New York Giants 13, Detroit 6
St. Louis 23, Atlanta 20
Washington 13, Philadelphia 9

Interconference Games

Dallas 31, Cleveland 14
Los Angeles Rams 20, Kansas City 14
New York Jets 15, Green Bay 13
Tampa Bay 23, Miami 17

AFC, 7 victories; NFC, 5 victories

► Clockwise from top: *Baltimore linebacker Sanders Shiver lunges for Buffalo's Joe Cribbs, but Cribbs (103 yards rushing) spent most of the game eluding tacklers. The Bills eluded the Colts 20-0. Pittsburgh, another shutout victim (16-0 to Seattle), lost quarterback Terry Bradshaw on this play. Bradshaw was sacked from behind by Jacob Green, with help from Manu Tuiasosopo (74). George Rogers holds the ball high from beneath a sea of bodies in the end zone as the Saints celebrate his third-quarter touchdown, which helped defeat the 49ers 23-20. New England's Sam Cunningham runs through an obstacle course in a 29-21 victory against Houston. Two touchdowns and 138 yards rushing from Wendell Tyler led the Rams past Kansas City 20-14.*

Week Five

DECEMBER 2: VARIATIONS ON A THEME

Following his team's 30-13 loss to San Diego, Cleveland head coach Sam Rutigliano offered his own version of one of life's simpler truths.

"You either stomp the grapes or drink the wine," Rutigliano said. "As an Italian, I understand that perfectly. Right now, I'm stomping grapes, and [Chargers head coach] Don Coryell is drinking the wine. And I'm paying for it."

And while the bill for the Browns' latest disappointment meant a bottom line of a 2-3 record, San Diego looked like a team ready to order playoff champagne.

The Chargers forged a 27-3 halftime lead behind the surgical passing of quarterback Dan Fouts (13 of 16 for 186 yards in the first half), and two touchdowns each from running backs Chuck Muncie and James Brooks.

Brooks took over the Chargers' rushing load when Muncie left the game with a bruised knee. Durable, despite his relatively slight 5-foot 9-inch, 177-pound frame, Brooks rushed 22 times for 96 yards, caught a nine-yard pass, returned a punt for 24 yards, and ran back three kickoffs for 69 yards. He didn't mind the work, either.

"This was my best game," he said. "I don't take any good shots 'cause I'm so little. A guy like Chuck takes some solid licks that I don't get. I'm in great condition, and I don't get tired if I don't think about it."

Another little big man, St. Louis's Stump Mitchell, successfully filled some large shoes for the Cardinals, who were minus the services of leading rusher Ottis Anderson. Mitchell, however, who rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown in St. Louis's 23-20 victory over Philadelphia, preferred not to think of it quite that way.

"I tried not to think that I was trying to fill O.J.'s [Anderson's] shoes," said the 5-foot, 9-inch, 188-pound return specialist, who had rushed for only nine yards in the Cardinals' previous four games. "I just kept telling myself to forget it because nobody can fill them."

The Eagles, who slipped to 1-4 (their slowest start ever under head coach Dick Vermeil), might have argued to the contrary.

Atlanta's William Andrews—unarguably a back whose shoes also would be hard to fill—led the Falcons to a 34-27 victory over Denver.

Actually, the Broncos contributed mightily to their own demise with four turnovers—each of which led to an Atlanta score. But it was Andrews who made the Broncos pay the most often. He rushed 16 times for 73 yards, caught three passes for 106 more, and scored three touchdowns.

Although their methods differed, Miami and the New York Jets both demonstrated that football sometimes can appear a quite simple exercise.

In a 28-13 victory over Detroit on Monday night, Jets quarterback Richard Todd made it look easy as he passed for 384 yards and three touchdowns—all to wide receiver Wesley Walker.

"We caught them in blitz situations with man-to-man coverage downfield," said Todd. "And Walker was having a great game. He got open, and I hit him."

Simple, right?

A day earlier, the Dolphins had proved once again that if your opponent doesn't have the ball, it can't score very many points. In this case Miami used a ball control offense to deflate the Vikings 22-14.

"It had to be pretty depressing for Minnesota, the way we controlled the ball," said Dolphins head coach Don Shula. "It had to take something out of them."

The Miami offense held the ball for 13 minutes in the third quarter and had possession for a total of 37 minutes. It also received a big lift from the Dolphins' Killer B's defense, which intercepted Minnesota quarterback Tommy Kramer three times, limited him to 127 yards passing, and sacked him five times.

Baltimore lost for the fifth straight time, but the Colts threw a scare into Cincinnati before succumbing 20-17.

Rookie quarterback Mike Pagel threw two touchdown passes, a balanced running attack netted 210 yards against a Bengals defense that had limited its four previous opponents to an average of just 52 yards, and the Colts scored 17 points after being shut out for two straight weeks.

So although it didn't count in the standings, Colts first-year head coach Frank Kush at least could claim a moral victory.

NEWSMAKERS

Allen

Landry

Montana

Danny White completed 21 of 29 passes for 216 yards and helped kill the game clock with an impromptu run from punt formation in the fourth quarter as Dallas defeated Washington 24-10 to give **Tom Landry** his two-hundredth coaching victory. Rookie **Marcus Allen** rushed for 156 yards and two touchdowns in the Los Angeles Raiders' 28-23 win against Seattle. Outstanding punting by **Bob Parsons** led to a safety and a field goal in the Bears' 26-13 victory over New England. Rookie running back **Butch Woolfolk's** two fourth-quarter touchdowns rallied the New York Giants past Houston 17-14. **Jan Stenerud** kicked four field goals as the Packers stopped Buffalo 33-21. Wide receiver **John Stallworth** had four receptions for 107 yards and a pair of touchdowns as the Steelers riveted Kansas City 35-14. San Francisco's **Joe Montana** (26 of 37 for 305 yards and two touchdowns) and Tampa Bay's **Doug Williams** (15 of 24, 193 yards, 1 touchdown) led their teams to victories over the Rams and Saints, respectively. Tampa Bay received support from kicker **Bill Capece,** who kicked field goals of 29 and 50 yards, in a 13-10 win at New Orleans.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	116	80
L.A. Raiders	4	1	0	.800	131	109
Miami	4	1	0	.800	117	92
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	.800	139	78
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	121	88
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	85	73
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	119	83
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	79	99
New England	2	3	0	.400	80	98
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	84	82
Denver	1	4	0	.200	84	125
Houston	1	4	0	.200	74	118
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	73	108
Baltimore	0	5	0	.000	50	125

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	121	78
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	134	85
Washington	4	1	0	.800	108	97
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	118	119
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	77	71
St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	94	102
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	63	92
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	72	85
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	95	88
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	80	90
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	119	114
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	68	79
L.A. Rams	1	4	0	.200	98	132
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	101	112

SCORES

American Football Conference

Cincinnati 20, Baltimore 17
Los Angeles Raiders 28, Seattle 23
Pittsburgh 35, Kansas City 20
San Diego 30, Cleveland 13

National Football Conference

Dallas 24, Washington 10
St. Louis 23, Philadelphia 20
San Francisco 30, Los Angeles Rams 24
Tampa Bay 13, New Orleans 10

Interconference Games

Atlanta 34, Denver 27
Chicago 26, New England 13
Green Bay 33, Buffalo 21
Miami 22, Minnesota 14
New York Giants 17, Houston 14
New York Jets 28, Detroit 13
AFC, 9 victories; NFC, 9 victories

► Clockwise from top left: *Walter Payton rushed for 70 yards in Chicago's 26-13 victory over New England. Miami's Andra Franklin scores on a nine-yard run in the fourth quarter to help defeat Minnesota 22-14. Running back Jeff Moore scored three touchdowns in San Francisco's 30-24 victory against the Rams. The New York Giants received a lift from running back Rob Carpenter, playing in his first game this season after a contract dispute, as they stopped Houston 17-14. Marcus Allen (156 yards rushing, two touchdowns) cuts behind a block during the Raiders' 28-23 victory over Seattle. Buffalo defensive end Ben Williams and Green Bay running back Gerry Ellis meet in the mud at County Stadium, where the Packers prevailed 33-21.*

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WILLIAMS
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BANKS

Week Six

DECEMBER 11: IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

On a day the opening coin toss was lost in the snow, New England's modus operandi for a controversial 3-0 victory over Miami was appropriate.

A scoreless game on Schaefer Stadium's frozen, snow-blanketed field was broken open when John Smith kicked a field goal with 4:45 left to play that wound up as the game's only score. But Smith and the Patriots needed the assistance of a John Deere 314 tractor with a sweeper attachment—which was operated by an inmate named Mark Henderson, who was on a one-day leave from Norfolk State Prison on a work-release program.

The tractor had been used earlier in the game to clear away snow from the sidelines. But New England head coach Ron Meyer concocted an even better use for it as he was watching Smith and holder Matt Cavanaugh clear away a patch on the field in preparation for Smith's crucial attempt.

"I looked out on the field," said Meyer, "and I saw John chipping away at the ground, and I thought, 'Let's get the sweeper out there. There's a guy on the sideline who can help us.'"

Henderson obliged. He quickly swung onto the field to clear away the snow from the spot of placement. Then Smith cleared the uprights.

The Dolphins were plainly less than thrilled. "We told the officials, 'Hey, what's this guy doing?'" said Miami nose tackle Bob Baumhower. "He can't do that.' They said it was perfectly legal."

Tampa Bay, another warm weather team, also confronted freezing temperatures and snow at Shea Stadium. The Buccaneers were plowed under early by Jets running back Freeman McNeil, who scored two touchdowns before the Tampa Bay offense even touched the ball, in a 32-17 Jets victory.

"Any time it's below thirty-two degrees it's Jets weather," said New York offensive tackle Marvin Powell. "I love it. The snow and mud were a great equalizer for the offensive linemen."

Tampa Bay head coach John McKay saw no reason to blame the weather for his team's demise. "Weather is weather," he said. "It made no difference. You might as well blame it on the rocks on the moon."

The Eagles could blame a rookie wide receiver named Floyd Eddings, playing in his first NFL game, for a 23-7 loss to the Giants, which left them in the cold—and virtually out of the playoff picture. Eddings had five big-play catches for 148 yards. The Philadelphia offense was rudderless against an uncharitable Giants defense that sacked quarterback Ron Jaworski eight times and limited the Eagles to just 41 yards rushing.

Unlike the games played in the northeast, there was no snow at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. However, it *was* bitterly cold, and New Orleans had to confront a blizzard all its own—of Atlanta defenders.

The Falcons' defense put Saints quarterback Ken Stabler in a statistical deep freeze. Stabler was just 8 of 19 for 56 yards, lost two fumbles, threw three interceptions, and was sacked five times in the 35-0 loss.

Detroit snapped out of its post-strike doldrums with a 30-10 victory over Green Bay, as Billy Sims rushed for more than 100 yards (109) for the fifteenth time in his career. "The big thing," said Sims, "is that we got respect back for ourselves. Now we know we are somebody."

Two quarterbacks already firmly secure in their identities, San Francisco's Joe Montana and San Diego's Dan Fouts, put on quite a show at Candlestick Park. Montana completed 31 of 46 passes for 356 yards and three touchdowns. Fouts had even more impressive numbers: 33 of 48 for 450 yards and five touchdowns. Three of Fouts's scoring passes went to wide receiver Wes Chandler. The fifth, a three-yard pass to running back Chuck Muncie with 3:32 remaining, gave the Chargers a 41-37 victory.

While a swarming Buffalo defense offered Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw no quarter, running back Joe Cribbs raced for 143 yards as the Bills shut out the Steelers 13-0.

Prior to being lifted in the third quarter in favor of backup Cliff Stoudt (who fared no better), Bradshaw managed only two completions in 13 attempts for three yards. He was intercepted twice and sacked four times.

"I talked to Terry," said Steelers head coach Chuck Noll. "He said he wasn't able to do anything. They were wired and fired up and were much better than we expected."

NEWSMAKERS

Anderson

Kuykendall

Moseley

Seattle quarterback **Jim Zorn** passed for 196 yards and one touchdown and also rushed for a team-high 41 yards and another touchdown in a 20-14 victory over Chicago. Washington didn't score any touchdowns against St. Louis, but four field goals by **Mark Moseley** were enough for a 12-7 win. Cincinnati's **Ken Anderson** passed for 183 yards in the Bengals' 23-10 victory against Cleveland to top the 27,000-yard mark and move into fourteenth place on the all-time NFL passing list. **Calvin Muhammad's** first NFL touchdown reception—on a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Jim Plunkett** with 25 seconds left to play—gave the Los Angeles Raiders a 21-16 victory at Kansas City. Denver's **Steve DeBerg** tied an NFL record with 17 straight completions while passing for 307 yards and two touchdowns as the Broncos came from behind to defeat the Rams 27-24. Dallas wide receiver **Butch Johnson's** four receptions included a pair of second-quarter touchdown catches as Dallas overwhelmed Houston 37-7 on Monday night. Linebacker **Fulton Kuykendall** had two interceptions in Atlanta's conclusive 35-0 victory over New Orleans.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	5	1	0	.833	139	90
L.A. Raiders	5	1	0	.833	155	125
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	171	95
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	98	73
Miami	4	2	0	.667	117	95
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	121	101
San Diego	4	2	0	.667	160	120
New England	3	3	0	.500	83	101
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	104	96
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	89	122
Denver	2	4	0	.333	111	149
Houston	1	5	0	.167	89	129
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	81	155
Baltimore	0	6	0	.000	60	138

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	158	83
Washington	5	1	0	.833	120	104
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	153	119
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	144	115
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	102	95
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	108	98
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	77	106
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	.500	103	97
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	101	114
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	77	112
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	156	155
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	85	111
L.A. Rams	1	5	0	.167	122	159
Philadelphia	1	5	0	.167	108	135

SCORES

American Football Conference

Buffalo 13, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 23, Cleveland 10
Los Angeles Raiders 21, Kansas City 16
New England 3, Miami 0

National Football Conference

Atlanta 35, New Orleans 0
Detroit 30, Green Bay 10
New York Giants 23, Philadelphia 7
Washington 12, St. Louis 7

Interconference Games

Dallas 37, Houston 7
Denver 27, Los Angeles Rams 24
Minnesota 13, Baltimore 10
New York Jets 32, Tampa Bay 17
San Diego 41, San Francisco 37
Seattle 20, Chicago 14

AFC, 13 victories; NFC, 11 victories

► Clockwise from top left: *Cornerback Ken Riley deflects a pass headed for Cleveland's Dave Logan in the Bengals' 23-10 victory. Wide receiver Wes Chandler beats 49ers cornerback Eric Wright in the end zone; the Chargers beat the 49ers 41-37. A 142-yard rushing game by Joe Cribbs helped Buffalo defeat Pittsburgh 13-0. Linebacker Mike Hegman (58) and safety Michael Downs helped the Cowboys keep Houston's Earl Campbell in check (17 yards rushing) during a 37-7 victory. John Smith missed this field goal try, but converted a controversial 33-yard attempt in the fourth quarter to give New England a 3-0 victory against Miami. Cornerback Louis Wright's fourth-quarter interception set up Denver's winning touchdown in a 27-24 victory over the Rams.*

HICKS

Week Seven

THE PLAYOFFS: *DEJA VU* AND SOME UNEXPECTED GUESTS

The San Diego Chargers do not sneak up on people.

Their well advertised passing game, in concert with a sometimes equally formidable running attack, is the most feared offense in the NFL.

Against Cincinnati this week, in the teams' first meeting since last season's "deep freeze" AFC Championship Game, the Chargers outdid even themselves.

This time the game was played in the warm environs of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, and San Diego turned the heat on the Bengals in a 50-34 victory.

Fresh off a record-laden victory against San Francisco, the Chargers (5-2) set new club records for most net yards passing (486), first downs (34), first downs passing (23), and total offense (661).

Cincinnati (5-2) didn't just sit idly by while all of this was going on. The Bengals joined in to help set a new NFL record for combined passing yardage (883) in a game.

Cincinnati quarterback Ken Anderson (40 of 56 for 416 yards and two touchdowns) was brilliant throughout, and directed the Bengals to leads of 17-7 and then 24-17.

But counterpart Dan Fouts (25 of 40 for 435 yards) floored the accelerator during a 23-point third quarter San Diego counter-offensive. The Chargers added 10 points in the fourth period to finish off the Bengals.

Besides the quarterbacks, some of the most impressive statistics belonged to San Diego's James Brooks (105 yards rushing, three touchdowns) and Wes Chandler (10 catches, 260 yards, two touchdowns).

Sooner or later, every NFL placekicker manages to wind up on the spot with a game on the line.

All season long that particular scenario has provided Washington with a failproof formula for victory. The Redskins simply stay close enough to their opponent to enable Mark Moseley to kick a winning field goal in the fourth quarter.

With four seconds left in a game against the New York Giants, Moseley did it again. The Giants came hard at Moseley, and nearly blocked the kick, but his 42-yard attempt was true, and the Redskins won 15-14 to clinch a playoff berth.

"I hit it as well as I've ever hit a ball," said Moseley, who set a new NFL record for most consecutive field goals without a miss (21) with the game-winning kick.

"Byron Hunt got a hand on it," said Giants linebacker Brad Van Pelt, "but it wasn't enough to change the flight of the ball. Moseley deserves to go down as one of the best kickers ever."

Against the New York Jets, Miami's Uwe von Schamann also had an opportunity to be either a hero or a goat. His 47-yard field goal with three seconds left spared him the horns and gave the Dolphins a 20-19 victory.

The Jets (5-2) employed an often used strategy in an attempt to unnerve von Schamann, who earlier had missed from 28 yards. They called time out to let him think about his do-or-die kick. It might have been the worst thing they could have done.

"The time out actually helped me," von Schamann said, "because it gave me a chance to think about the things I needed to do right."

Von Schamann's field goal was set up in part by Dolphins bullpen ace Don Strock, who relieved starting quarterback David Woodley late in the fourth quarter and maneuvered the Dolphins (5-2) from their own 17 to the Jets' 30, from where von Schamann delivered the decisive three points.

The script was similar at Soldier Field, where St. Louis backup quarterback Jim Hart replaced starter Neil Lomax in the fourth quarter and drove the Cardinals (4-3) into position for a 48-yard field goal by Neil O'Donoghue with 25 seconds remaining that clinched a 10-7 victory over the Bears (2-5).

Like von Schamann, O'Donoghue had missed on an earlier try (from nearly the same spot), that would have put the Cardinals ahead.

Despite a 166-yard rushing performance by New Orleans running back George Rogers, Dallas (6-1) clinched a record eighth straight playoff appearance with a 21-7 victory against the Saints (3-4).

Atlanta (5-2) totaled 223 yards rushing (William Andrews had 108) and controlled the ball for nearly three quarters of the game to defeat San Francisco (2-5) 17-7. "You can't win without the football," said 49ers coach Bill Walsh.

NEWSMAKERS

Dixon

Montgomery

Williams

Three interceptions by second-year cornerback **Hanford Dixon**—the first three of his NFL career—and a solid performance by first-time starter **Paul McDonald** at quarterback helped Cleveland nip Pittsburgh 10-9. Denver's **Rick Upchurch** tied an NFL record with his eighth career punt return for a touchdown (78 yards), but Kansas City defeated the Broncos 37-16. Free safety **Gary Barbaro** and cornerback **Eric Harris** each returned interceptions for touchdowns for the Chiefs. Tampa Bay quarterback **Doug Williams** passed for two touchdowns and set up the game's winning score with a six-yard run on a trick play as the Buccaneers edged Buffalo 24-23. Nose tackle **Charlie Johnson** returned a recovered fumble 44 yards for a touchdown and the winning points in Minnesota's 34-31 victory against Detroit. Philadelphia running back **Wilbert Montgomery** rushed for 147 yards and three touchdowns (one on a club-record 90-yard run) to propel the Eagles past Houston 35-14. In Cincinnati's loss to San Diego, Bengals wide receiver **Cris Collinsworth** had nine receptions for 156 yards. New England's **Mike Haynes** had two interceptions in a 16-0 win over Seattle.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	6	1	0	.857	192	156
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	173	140
Miami	5	2	0	.714	137	114
N.Y. Jets	5	2	0	.714	190	115
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	210	154
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	121	97
New England	4	3	0	.571	99	101
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	130	111
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	99	131
Seattle	3	4	0	.429	104	112
Denver	2	5	0	.286	127	186
Kansas City	2	5	0	.286	126	145
Houston	1	6	0	.143	95	190
Baltimore	0	6	1	.071	80	158

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	179	90
Washington	6	1	0	.857	135	118
Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	170	126
Green Bay	4	2	1	.643	164	135
Minnesota	4	3	0	.571	142	129
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	111	121
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	133	129
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	84	127
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	117	112
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	109	134
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	84	122
Philadelphia	2	5	0	.286	143	149
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	163	172
L.A. Rams	1	6	0	.143	153	196

SCORES

American Football Conference

Cleveland 10, Pittsburgh 9
Kansas City 37, Denver 16
Miami 20, New York Jets 19
New England 16, Seattle 0
San Diego 50, Cincinnati 34

National Football Conference

Atlanta 17, San Francisco 7
Dallas 21, New Orleans 7
Minnesota 34, Detroit 31
St. Louis 10, Chicago 7
Washington 15, New York Giants 14

Interconference Games

Baltimore 20, Green Bay 20, overtime
Los Angeles Raiders 37, Los Angeles Rams 31
Philadelphia 35, Houston 14
Tampa Bay 24, Buffalo 23
AFC, 14 victories; NFC, 13 victories; 1 tie

► Clockwise from top left: *Marcus Allen (93 yards rushing, three touchdowns) was flying against the Rams in the Raiders' 37-31 victory. Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 147 yards—including a 90-yard touchdown run—to lead Philadelphia over Houston 35-14. Uwe von Schamann (5) and Don Strock hail von Schamann's game-winning field goal against the Jets. An untimely fumble by Roosevelt Leaks on the Tampa Bay 18 extinguished Buffalo's final scoring threat, allowing the Buccaneers to prevail 24-23. Wes Chandler (10 receptions for 260 yards) and the Chargers were too much for Cincinnati. Chicago safeties Gary Fencik (45) and Lenny Walterscheid (23) bring down St. Louis tight end Greg LaFleur; the Cardinals brought down the Bears 10-7.*

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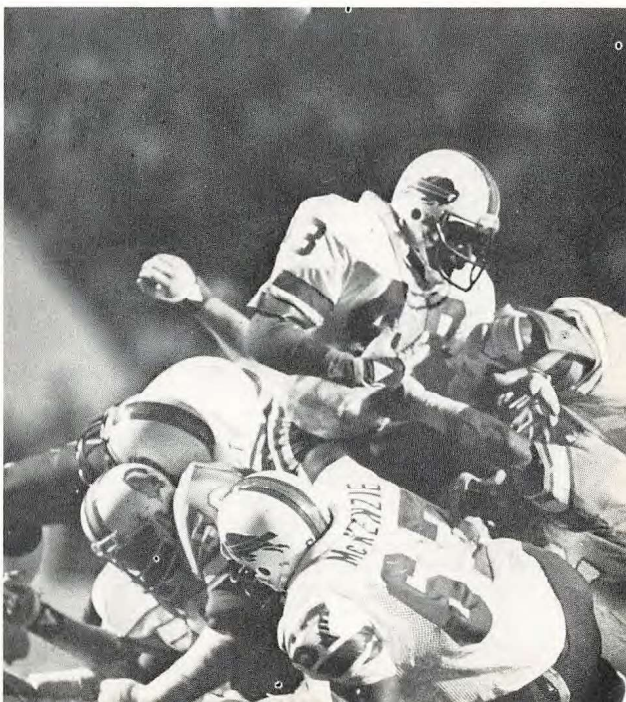
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Week Eight

DECEMBER 26: SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

There's nothing like being in the playoffs, even in this year's modified—and slightly more complex—version. But there were a number of recurring questions being asked around the NFL during the next-to-last week of the regular season, such as: Who's in? Who's out? Who's still got a chance? What about home-field advantage?

When the smoke had cleared, 12 teams were guaranteed a playoff berth (6 in each conference), while four spots remained to be claimed in the final week of the season.

Green Bay (5-2-1) joined the playoff party for the first time in 10 years by *bombing* Atlanta (5-3) 38-7. Quarterback Lynn Dickey teamed with wide receiver James Lofton on touchdown passes of 57 and 80 yards, and set up two additional Green Bay scores with long passes.

"This is probably the best day I've ever had as a pro throwing long passes," said Dickey. "It's always risky. It worked today, but it can backfire."

Not much backfired for the New York Jets (6-2), who secured their second straight trip to the playoffs with a 42-14 victory at Minnesota (4-4).

Cornerback Bobby Jackson received both defensive and offensive game balls for the Jets. He scored on an 80-yard return of teammate Darrol Ray's fumble (which occured after a blocked field goal attempt by Mark Gastineau), and returned one of his two interceptions 77 yards for a touchdown.

St. Louis (5-3) jolted the New York Giants' playoff chances—and qualified for the postseason tournament for the first time since 1975—with a 24-21 victory. Quarterback Neil Lomax climaxed a four-play, 70-yard drive in the final minute-and-a-half with an eight-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Roy Green to put St. Louis on top.

Tampa Bay (4-4) also had to come from behind to defeat Detroit (3-5) 23-21 and keep its playoff hopes alive. Quarterback Doug Williams passed for 276 yards and threw two second-half touchdown passes, but it was a 42-yard pass interference penalty that set up a game-winning 27-yard field goal by placekicker Bill Capece.

"He [Capece] was playing with a dislocated shoulder and a thigh pull," said Tampa Bay head coach John McKay. "I've never seen someone with such guts."

Washington (7-1), absent from the playoffs since 1976, benefited from scoring passes of 57 and 58 yards from quarterback Joe Theismann to wide receiver Charlie Brown and defeated New Orleans 27-10 to clinch home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Dallas (6-2) fell out of a first-place tie with the Redskins when it was surprised 24-20 at home by Philadelphia, a winner for only the third time in eight games.

"I was proud of our team," said Eagles head coach Dick Vermeil. "It's the first time since the strike that we've played up to our capability."

Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll could also once again be proud of his team. The Steelers' 37-14 victory over New England gave them a 5-3 record and a playoff berth for the first time since 1979.

Quarterback Terry Bradshaw snapped out of a slump by passing for 282 yards and two touchdowns, and combined with running back Franco Harris (101 yards rushing) to perk up an offense that had been shut out in two of it previous four games.

"We've found the offense we've been looking for," said Noll. "We started the day wanting to run the football—sort of back to basics. Franco had a good game and Terry was his old self."

Cleveland, which looked all but dead two weeks earlier with a 2-4 record, remained in the hunt for one of the AFC's remaining playoff berths with a 20-14 victory at Houston. The Browns, trailing 14-13 late in the game, received a break when Houston running back Earl Campbell fumbled on his own one-yard line. Safety Clinton Burrell recovered for Cleveland. Running back Charles White went in for a touchdown and the winning points on the very next play.

Cincinnati clinched a playoff berth with a 24-10 victory against Seattle. But it came as no surprise to the defending AFC champions.

"To me, we're supposed to be here," said cornerback Ken Riley, whose fifty-sixth career interception set up a Bengals' touchdown. "It's no big deal because we've been here before. We know what it takes."

NEWSMAKERS

Ferragamo

Jaworski

Wehrli

Los Angeles Rams quarterback **Vince Ferragamo** passed for 509 yards—the second highest single-game total in NFL history—but it wasn't enough to prevent a 34-26 loss to Chicago. Bears running back **Walter Payton** rushed for 104 yards in that game to become only the fourth NFL player to top the 10,000-yard career rushing mark. Cornerback **Ronnie Lott** returned an interception 83 yards for a touchdown to secure San Francisco's 26-13 victory at Kansas City. Philadelphia quarterback **Ron Jaworski** set a new club record with 112 career touchdown passes in the Eagles' 24-20 win at Dallas. Defensive tackle **Louie Kelcher** deflected a pass and added a sack, a fumble recovery, and seven tackles in San Diego's 44-27 victory over Baltimore. St. Louis defensive back **Roger Wehrli,** who announced earlier in the week he would retire at the end of the season, scored on a fake field goal in the Cardinals' 24-21 victory over the Giants. Green Bay placekicker **Jan Stenerud** kicked a fourth quarter field goal and added five extra points in the Packers' 38-7 victory over Atlanta to become only the third player in NFL history to top the 1,400-point total.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	7	1	0	.875	219	168
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	197	150
Miami	6	2	0	.750	164	124
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0	.750	232	129
San Diego	6	2	0	.750	254	180
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	167	125
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	131	124
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	119	145
New England	4	4	0	.500	113	138
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	114	136
Denver	2	6	0	.250	137	213
Kansas City	2	6	0	.250	139	171
Houston	1	7	0	.125	109	210
Baltimore	0	7	1	.071	106	202

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	7	1	0	.875	162	128
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	199	114
Green Bay	5	2	1	.688	202	142
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	177	164
St. Louis	5	3	0	.625	135	142
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500	156	171
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	132	155
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	118	148
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	154	152
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	94	154
N.Y. Giants	3	5	0	.375	138	136
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	167	169
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	189	185
L.A. Rams	1	7	0	.125	179	230

SCORES

American Football Conference

Cincinnati 24, Seattle 10
Cleveland 20, Houston 14
Los Angeles Raiders 27, Denver 10
Miami 27, Buffalo 10
Pittsburgh 37, New England 14
San Diego 44, Baltimore 26

National Football Conference

Chicago 34, Los Angeles Rams 26
Green Bay 38, Atlanta 7
Philadelphia 24, Dallas 20
St. Louis 24, New York Giants 21
Tampa Bay 23, Detroit 21
Washington 27, New Orleans 10

Interconference Games

New York Jets 42, Minnesota 14
San Francisco 26, Kansas City 13
AFC, 15 victories; NFC, 14 victories; 1 tie

►Clockwise from top: *James Lofton sprints for the end zone as Green Bay travels to a 38-7 victory over Atlanta. Houston's Mike Renfro balances a pass against the Browns, who beat the Oilers 20-14. Terry Bradshaw congratulates running back Walter Abercrombie on his first NFL touchdown, which aided the Steelers in a 37-14 win over New England. Seattle running back Dan Doornink is brought to an abrupt halt by Cincinnati's Ross Browner (79) and Reggie Williams (57). The Bengals halted the Seahawks 24-10. Safety Lyle Blackwood cradles one of five Miami interceptions, which helped beat the Bills 27-10. Middle: A 104-yard rushing day in a 34-26 victory against the Rams pushed Chicago's Walter Payton over the 10,000-yard career rushing mark.*

LOFTON
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Week Nine

JANUARY 2: AN ENDING AND 16 BEGINNINGS

Everyone knew all along that the playoff possibilities weren't *really* endless, even if it did seem that way for a while.

All of the AFC's pairings and sites were settled on Sunday, but it was left up to Dallas and Minnesota, playing in the new Metrodome, to formalize the NFC's playoff agenda in the final Monday night game.

The Vikings (5-4), like the Cowboys (6-3), already were assured of a playoff berth. But they avoided the unpleasant prospect of replaying Dallas, this time at Texas Stadium, in the opening round with a 31-27 victory. Quarterback Tommy Kramer's 12-yard touchdown pass to running back Rickey Young with 1:52 remaining decided the issue, and rewarded the Vikings with a home game against Atlanta instead. (By losing, Dallas drew Tampa Bay—at home.)

The Buccaneers, along with Cleveland, Detroit, and New England, had locked up the remaining available playoff spots Sunday.

Tampa Bay (5-4) and Chicago (3-6) entered overtime tied 23-23. Then running back James Wilder broke loose on a 47-yard run all the way to the Bears' 13 on the first play of the extra period. Tampa Bay head coach John McKay immediately ordered a field goal try, saying later, "He who messes around in field goal position lives to regret it." Bill Capece's 33-yard attempt left no regrets and put the Buccaneers in the playoffs for the third time in four years.

Detroit, despite finishing with a 4-5 record, gained the NFC's final playoff position when third-string tight end Rob Rubick, primarily a special teams player who hadn't touched the ball all season, scored on a one-yard run to give the Lions a 27-24 victory over Green Bay (5-3-1).

Quarterback Steve Grogan's top performance of the season (260 yards passing, three touchdowns) helped the Patriots roll up 418 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense, and New England (5-4) defeated Buffalo (4-5) 30-19 to earn a playoff ticket and eliminate the Bills.

Some of the Patriots players had publicly complained earlier in the week about first-year head coach Ron Meyer's strict rules, and claimed he was aloof. But the distractions didn't affect the team's performance.

"I was really happy with the way the guys put all that away," said Grogan. "You're going to have turmoil during the week, but we're pros and you have to leave it behind on Sunday."

As for Meyer, he seemed unconcerned with the player criticism. "Euphoria and being complimented and liked can be just as destructive as the other," he said.

Buffalo's loss also permitted Cleveland (4-5) to slip into the playoffs, despite the Browns' 37-21 defeat by Pittsburgh (6-3).

The Steelers, hitting their stride in all areas at precisely the right time, atoned for a 10-9 loss to Cleveland two weeks earlier, and also wrapped up the home-field advantage against first-round opponent San Diego (6-3) when the Chargers lost.

"I'd love to play San Diego in about a foot of snow," said Pittsburgh linebacker Jack Lambert. "It would be silly to say that cold weather doesn't bother San Diego. If you saw them play against Cincinnati last year, you know that it did."

About all that has bothered the Chargers in 1982 has been garbed in silver and black.

It's pretty rare when San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts throws more touchdown passes to his opponents than to his own receivers, but that's what happened against the Raiders (8-1). Defensive backs Mike Davis and James Davis each picked off Fouts passes and returned them for touchdowns, which, together with a pair of touchdowns from running back Marcus Allen (128 yards rushing), a Jim Plunkett scoring pass to Frank Hawkins, and two field goals by Chris Bahr spelled a 41-34 victory.

Quarterback David Woodley threw three touchdown passes as Miami (7-2) tuned up it's passing game for the playoffs and defeated Baltimore 34-7.

"We had become very run-oriented," said Dolphins head coach Don Shula. "We felt we had to get the passing game back into our offense."

For Colts head coach Frank Kush, who ended his first season in the NFL with an 0-8-1 record, the end couldn't come soon enough. "Truthfully," he said, "I'm glad it's over."

But for 16 playoff-bound teams, it all was just beginning again.

NEWSMAKERS

Danelo

Dorsett

Theismann

Rookie wide receiver **George Farmer's** 42-yard fourth-quarter touchdown catch and **Ivory Sully's** block of Ray Wersching's field goal attempt with 1:57 left gave the Rams a 21-20 victory that eliminated the defending Super Bowl champion 49ers from the playoffs. **Joe Danelo's** 25-yard field goal with two seconds on the clock beat Philadelphia 26-24 and allowed departing head coach **Ray Perkins** (who was named to replace Bear Bryant at Alabama) to leave the Giants on a winning note. **Ken Anderson** set an NFL record with 20 straight completions in Cincinnati's 35-27 victory against Houston. He also established a single-season percentage mark (70.55). **Bill Kenney** helped Kansas City stun the New York Jets 37-13. **Ken Stabler** passed for 271 yards and fullback **Wayne Wilson** scored three touchdowns as New Orleans defeated Atlanta 35-6 to avenge a 35-0 loss to the Falcons in Week 6. **Joe Theismann** passed for three touchdowns as the Redskins defeated St. Louis 28-0 to finish with an NFC-best 8-1 record. **Tony Dorsett** set an NFL record with a 99-yard touchdown run in Dallas's loss to Minnesota.

STANDINGS

American Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	8	1	0	.889	260	200
Miami	7	2	0	.778	198	131
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	232	177
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	204	146
San Diego	6	3	0	.667	288	221
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	245	166
New England	5	4	0	.556	143	157
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	140	182
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	150	154
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	127	147
Kansas City	3	6	0	.333	176	184
Denver	2	7	0	.222	148	226
Houston	1	8	0	.111	136	245
Baltimore	0	8	1	.063	113	236

National Football Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	8	1	0	.889	190	128
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	226	145
Green Bay	5	3	1	.611	226	169
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	187	198
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	183	199
St. Louis	5	4	0	.556	135	170
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	158	178
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	181	176
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	129	160
N.Y. Giants	4	5	0	.444	164	160
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	209	206
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	141	174
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	191	195
L.A. Rams	2	7	0	.222	200	250

SCORES

American Football Conference

Cincinnati 35, Houston 27
Kansas City 37, New York Jets 13
Los Angeles Raiders 41, San Diego 34
Miami 34, Baltimore 7
New England 30, Buffalo 19
Pittsburgh 37, Cleveland 21
Seattle 13, Denver 11

National Football Conference

Detroit 27, Green Bay 24
Los Angeles Rams 21, San Francisco 20
Minnesota 31, Dallas 27
New Orleans 35, Atlanta 6
New York Giants 26, Philadelphia 24
Tampa Bay 26, Chicago 23, overtime
Washington 28, St. Louis 0
AFC, 15 victories; NFC, 14 victories; 1 tie

► Clockwise from top left: *A diving Lynn Swann grips one of his five receptions in Pittsburgh's 37-21 victory against Cleveland. Quarterback Jim Plunkett's key block helps spring Marcus Allen for a two-yard touchdown run as the Raiders defeat San Diego again, 41-34. Mark van Eeghan correctly signals touchdown as New England teammate Tony Collins scores from the 1 yard line to help put the Patriots into the playoffs. Reserve tight end Rob Rubick jumps for joy after his surprise touchdown run gave Detroit a 27-24 victory over Green Bay and a place in the NFC playoffs. Former track star Renaldo Nehemiah catches his first NFL touchdown pass, but the 49ers lose to the Rams 21-20. Cornerback Ken Riley distracts Houston's Harold Bailey in the Bengals' 35-27 win.*

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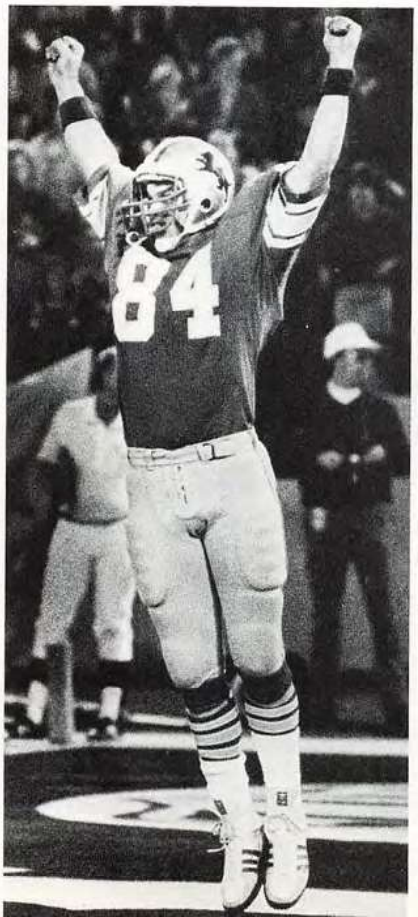
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AFC First-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 8: NEW ENGLAND VS. MIAMI, CLEVELAND VS. LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

MIAMI 28, NEW ENGLAND 13

It was an amusing gesture.

Someone had arranged for a John Deere 314 tractor, along with some man-made snow, to be placed at one corner of the Orange Bowl, ostensibly so the New England Patriots would feel more "at home" in their AFC First-Round Playoff Game against Miami. (At snowbound Schaefer Stadium in Week Six, the Patriots used a John Deere 314 to assist a field goal attempt that beat the Dolphins.)

So much for levity—and hospitality. Once the game began, the Dolphins beat the Patriots on the ground and in the air, and stormed to a 28-13 victory.

Just about everything meshed for Miami, which received 112 yards rushing from Andra Franklin, and 71 more from Tony Nathan. In fact, just about the only negatives for the Dolphins were three fumbles by the normally sure-handed Franklin.

Unquestionably, the Dolphin who made the biggest difference was quarterback David Woodley. Woodley completed 16 of 19 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns (both to tight end Bruce Hardy). He also helped set up a second-quarter touchdown by Franklin with a 16-yard bootleg run for a first down, and even made a touchdown-saving tackle after a fumble.

"He [Woodley] was just awesome," said New England cornerback Mike Haynes. "He always knew where to find the weakness in our defense. There's always a weakness...if you can read it. And he was always able to read ours."

New England	0	3	3	7	— 13
Miami	0	14	7	7	— 28

NE —FG Smith 32
Mia —Hardy 2 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Mia —Franklin 1 run (von Schamann kick)
NE —FG Smith 42
Mia —Bennett 2 run (von Schamann kick)
Mia —Hardy 2 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
NE —Hasselbeck 22 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
Attendance—68,842

L.A. RAIDERS 27, CLEVELAND 10

The Los Angeles Raiders are not prone to whistling in the dark. They are nothing, if not confident.

Perhaps that's why there was a feeling of *fait accompli* among some of the Raiders at halftime of their AFC First-Round Playoff Game against Cleveland, though they only had a slim 13-10 lead.

"We didn't make a single adjustment at halftime," linebacker Matt Millen would say later.

The Raiders drove up and down the field all day. Quarterback Jim Plunkett (386 yards passing) softened up the Browns' secondary with first-quarter bombs to wide receiver Cliff Branch (five catches for 121 yards), and then dizzied the Browns with passes underneath their prevent coverage to Branch, tight end Todd Christensen (six catches for 93 yards), and running back Marcus Allen (six for 75).

Still, because of interceptions and some other blown opportunities by Los Angeles, the Browns threatened to take a lead after receiving the second-half kickoff and driving deep into Los Angeles territory.

But Lyle Alzado's jarring tackle of Cleveland running back Charles White caused a fumble. End of threat.

Plunkett quickly drove the Raiders 89 yards in 12 plays, sending Allen (72 yards rushing, two touchdowns) into the end zone from three yards out for a 20-10 lead.

The game wound up as a very methodical 27-10 win for the Raiders, who sacked Browns quarterback Paul McDonald six times and erased the Browns' running game (56 yards).

"We did what we had to do without hoopla," said Raiders defensive end Howie Long. "It wasn't a hoopla type of game."

Cleveland	0	10	0	0	— 10
L.A. Raiders	3	10	7	7	— 27

LA —FG C. Bahr 27
Cle —FG M. Bahr 52
LA —Allen 2 run (C. Bahr kick)
Cle —Feacher 43 pass from McDonald (M. Bahr kick)
LA —FG C. Bahr 37
LA —Allen 3 run (C. Bahr kick)
LA —Hawkins 1 run (C. Bahr kick)
Attendance—56,555

Below, left: *Miami quarterback David Woodley repeatedly exploited holes in the Patriots' defense and led the Dolphins to a 28-13 victory.* Right: *Los Angeles Raiders defensive end Lyle Alzado strips the ball from former Browns teammate Charles White for a critical third-quarter turnover.*

AFC First-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 9: NEW YORK JETS VS. CINCINNATI, SAN DIEGO VS. PITTSBURGH

NEW YORK JETS 44, CINCINNATI 17

New York Jets running back Freeman McNeil, who led the NFL in rushing with 786 yards, decided he wanted to repay his teammates for selecting him as the Jets' most valuable player.

McNeil "thanked" them by rushing for 202 yards, scoring once, and throwing a 14-yard touchdown pass against Cincinnati in a First-Round Playoff Game.

"If I'm going to be the best this year," said McNeil, "then I'm going to play like I'm the best."

With the tailwind provided by McNeil, the Jets cruised to a 44-17 victory over the Bengals at Riverfront Stadium.

The game wasn't all McNeil. For a while, it wasn't even all Jets. Cincinnati quarterback Ken Anderson threw first-quarter touchdown passes to Isaac Curtis and Dan Ross as the Bengals mounted a 14-3 lead.

But then came the deluge—on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

An interception by cornerback Johnny Lynn on the Jets' 1 yard line set up an 85-yard drive that ended with a four-yard touchdown pass from Richard Todd to Wesley Walker to give the Jets their first lead, 17-14.

Anderson, who wound up being sacked four times and pressured a number of others, also was intercepted late in the fourth quarter by Jets safety Darrol Ray, who set a playoff record with a 98-yard touchdown return.

By that time, the Jets were on their way to their first playoff victory since 1968.

New York Jets	3	17	3	21	— 44
Cincinnati	14	0	3	0	— 17

Cin —Curtis 32 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)
NYJ—FG Leahy 33
Cin —Ross 2 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)
NYJ—Gaffney 14 pass from McNeil (Leahy kick)
NYJ—Walker 4 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
NYJ—FG Leahy 24
NYJ—FG Leahy 47
Cin —FG Breech 20
NYJ—McNeil 20 run (Leahy kick)
NYJ—Ray 98 interception return (Leahy kick)
NYJ—Crutchfield 1 run (Leahy kick)
Attendance—57,560

SAN DIEGO 31, PITTSBURGH 28

"If we ever have another war, we ought to send the Chargers and let 'em throw those bombs," said Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw. "I've never seen anything like their passing; it's got to be the best ever. You watch them and you want to run out there and ask them for their autographs."

That's high praise from anybody. Spoken by a quarterback with four Super Bowl rings and who himself had just passed for 325 yards and two touchdowns, it was the ultimate compliment.

San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts and his intrepid band of receivers deserved kudos. Fouts completed 27 of 42 passes for 333 yards and three touchdowns. Two were fourth-quarter strikes to tight end Kellen Winslow—one with just a minute left that gave the visiting Chargers a 31-28 victory.

San Diego had to survive the trauma of two fumbles by James Brooks in the first 30 seconds of the game. His fumble of the opening kickoff cost seven points when Pittsburgh's Guy Ruff recovered in the end zone. Brooks almost created an instant replay when he fumbled the ensuing kickoff, but he recovered at his own 1 yard line.

The Chargers kept their cool, and resolve, and clawed to a 17-14 halftime lead.

Pittsburgh seemed to wrest command of the game in the fourth quarter when Bradshaw's 14-yard touchdown pass to John Stallworth put the Steelers in front 28-17.

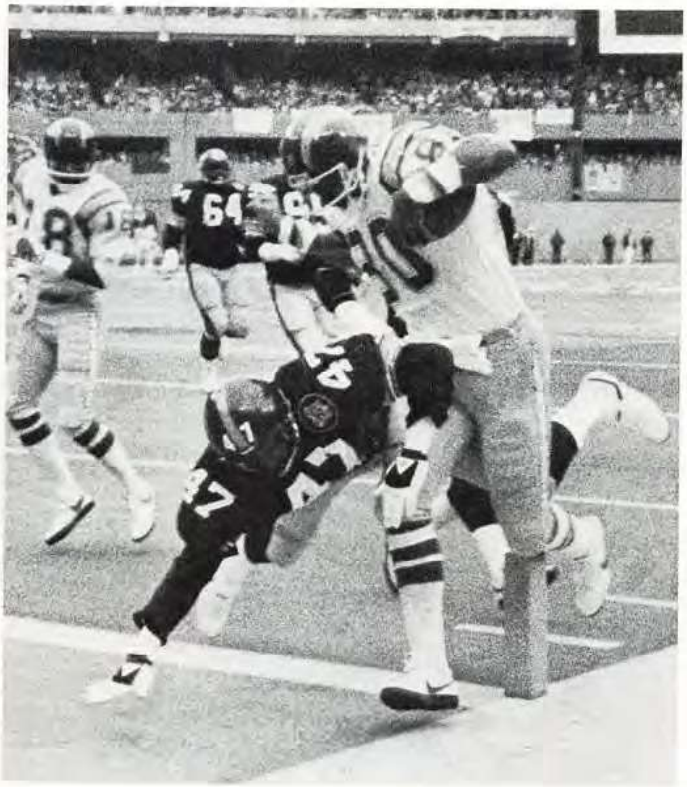
But then Fouts and Winslow proved why San Diego can never be counted out of a game, and the Chargers earned the right to begin preparing for the next round.

"We're ready for anything," said Fouts.

San Diego	3	14	0	14	— 31
Pittsburgh	14	0	7	7	— 28

Pitt —Ruff fumble recovery in the end zone (Anderson kick)
SD —FG Benirschke 25
Pitt —Bradshaw 1 run (Anderson kick)
SD —Brooks 18 run (Benirschke kick)
SD —Sievers 10 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
Pitt —Cunningham 2 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick)
Pitt —Stallworth 14 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick)
SD —Winslow 8 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
SD —Winslow 12 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
Attendance—53,546

Below, left: *The story in the Jets' 44-17 victory over Cincinnati was Freeman McNeil, who rushed for 202 yards.* Right: *San Diego tight end Kellen Winslow bowls over Pittsburgh's Mel Blount and just gets into the end zone to clinch a 31-28 victory for the Chargers.*



NFC First-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 8: ST. LOUIS VS. GREEN BAY, DETROIT VS. WASHINGTON

GREEN BAY 41, ST. LOUIS 16

"The Super Bowl will be won by the team with the best pass rush," said quarterback Lynn Dickey, after throwing four touchdown passes to lead the Packers to a 41-16 victory against St. Louis in an NFC First-Round Playoff Game at Lambeau Field.

Dickey was in a good position to know; he wasn't sacked once by the Cardinals while completing 17 of 23 passes for 260 yards in an interception-free performance.

"Every quarterback in this league can throw for big yardage when his offensive line holds out the rush," he said. "We used almost the same game plan today that we had last week when we lost to Detroit [27-24]. But today we got protection, and believe me, that's the difference."

There were some other differences; three of them were named Eddie Lee Ivery (67 yards rushing and two touchdowns), John Jefferson (six receptions for 148 yards and two touchdowns), and James Lofton (three catches for 52 yards and one touchdown).

And although Dickey spent a relatively carefree afternoon, St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax was under siege. Led by defensive ends Mike Butler and Ezra Johnson and linebacker George Cumby, the Packers sacked Lomax five times and forced two interceptions.

St. Louis's fate may really have been sealed when it lost one of its main engines —running back Ottis Anderson—who sprained an ankle in the second quarter.

St. Louis	3	6	0	7	— 16
Green Bay	7	21	10	3	— 41

StL —FG O'Donoghue 18
GB —Jefferson 60 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)
GB —Lofton 20 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)
GB —Ivery 1 run (Stenerud kick)
GB —Ivery 4 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)
StL —Tilley 5 pass from Lomax (kick failed)
GB —FG Stenerud 46
GB —Jefferson 7 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)
GB —FG Stenerud 34
StL —Shumann 18 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick)
Attendance—54,282

WASHINGTON 31, DETROIT 7

Injuries sometimes can be great equalizers, or, ironically, provide great opportunies.

In Washington's 31-7 victory over Detroit in an NFC First-Round Playoff Game, an injury provided Alvin Garrett a chance, and he was equal to the challenge.

Normally a special teams player for the Redskins, Garrett caught just one pass all season. But the diminutive (5 feet 7 inches) wide receiver, who was pressed into service when Redskins leading receiver Art Monk broke a bone in his foot in the final regular season game, was not exactly a lamb against the Lions. He caught a pair of 21-yard touchdown passes from quarterback Joe Theismann in the second quarter, added a 27-yard touchdown reception in the third period, and finished with six receptions for 110 yards.

Garrett was just one thorn in the Lions' side; running back John Riggins also pounded the NFC's top defense against the rush for 119 yards on the ground.

Then there was Washington's big-play defense, which sacked Detroit quarterback Eric Hipple four times, created five turnovers, and kept pressure on the Lions.

The biggest turnover was a first-quarter interception by cornerback Jeris White, who returned it 77 yards for the game's first score.

"The goal line looked like a mirage," said White. "I could see it, but I couldn't believe it was there."

That's how it is with Washington; people can see where the Redskins are, but many can't believe it.

"Let's keep it that way," said defensive tackle Dave Butz. "We're not out to prove anything. There's nothing fancy with this team. No damn dances in the end zone, or anything."

Detroit	0	0	7	0	— 7
Washington	10	14	7	0	— 31

Wash—White 77 interception return (Moseley kick)
Wash—FG Moseley 26
Wash—Garrett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Wash—Garrett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Wash—Garrett 27 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Det —Hill 15 pass from Hipple (Murray kick)
Attendance—55,045

Below, left: *Unexpected hero Alvin Garrett beats Detroit's Bruce McNorton in the end zone for the second of three touchdown catches in Washington's 31-7 victory over Detroit.* Right: *John Jefferson symbolically "high-fives" the fans at Lambeau Field after one of his two touchdown receptions.*

NFC First-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 9: ATLANTA VS. MINNESOTA, TAMPA BAY VS. DALLAS

MINNESOTA 30, ATLANTA 24

It isn't easy to win a game when your offense doesn't score a point.

Strangely, Atlanta was in a position to do just that late in the fourth quarter of its NFC First-Round Playoff Game at Minnesota.

Placekicker Mick Luckhurst, who scampered 17 yards with a lateral off a fake field goal play for a third-quarter touchdown, kicked a 41-yard field goal with 6:45 remaining to put Atlanta on top 24-23. (The Falcons' other two touchdowns came on a recovery of a blocked punt in the Vikings' end zone by Doug Rogers and a 35-yard interception return by safety Bob Glazebrook.)

But Minnesota, behind the passing of quarterback Tommy Kramer and the driving runs of Ted Brown, responded with a 72-yard march and went ahead for good, 30-24, on a five-yard run by Brown.

Brown, who left the game in the first half with a shoulder injury, said it was the most physically punishing game of his career. "It makes up for it [the pain] that we won," he said. "It still hurts, but you have to distinguish pain from injury and go on."

Minnesota earned the right to go on to the next round primarily because its defense handled the Falcons. Atlanta quarterback Steve Bartkowski, who managed only nine completions in 23 attempts for 134 yards, was intercepted twice and sacked three times.

"The sacks don't tell it all," said Minnesota head coach Bud Grant. "We have a statistical [category] we call hurries, and we hurried him pretty good."

Atlanta	7	0	14	3	— 24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14	— 30

Atl — Rogers recovered blocked punt in end zone (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — FG Danmeier 33
Minn — S. White 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Minn — FG Danmeier 30
Atl — Luckhurst 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl — Glazebrook 35 interception return (Luckhurst kick)
Minn — FG Danmeier 39
Minn — McCullum 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl — FG Luckhurst 41
Minn — Brown 5 run (Danmeier kick)
Attendance — 60,560

DALLAS 30, TAMPA BAY 17

A heroic Tampa Bay defense was betrayed by an offense that persistently — and usually too quickly — kept turning the ball back to Dallas, and the Cowboys prevailed 30-17 in an NFC First-Round Playoff Game.

Dallas controlled the ball for nearly two-thirds of the game, and eventually just wore out the Tampa Bay defense.

All of Tampa Bay's scores were created by big defensive plays. Linebacker Hugh Green put his team in front 7-6 after racing 60 yards for a touchdown with a fumble he plucked from mid-air. Safety Mark Cotney's 50-yard interception return set up a 32-yard field goal by Bill Capece. And a 49-yard scoring pass from Doug Williams to Gordon Jones, which gave the Buccaneers a 17-16 lead late in the third quarter, was preceded by John Holt's interception.

But Williams, who played with a pulled hamstring and bone chips in his knee, was unable to run with the ball and had a miserable passing day (8 of 28 for 113 yards and three interceptions).

"I didn't consider making a change," said Tampa Bay head coach John McKay. "That was probably a mistake."

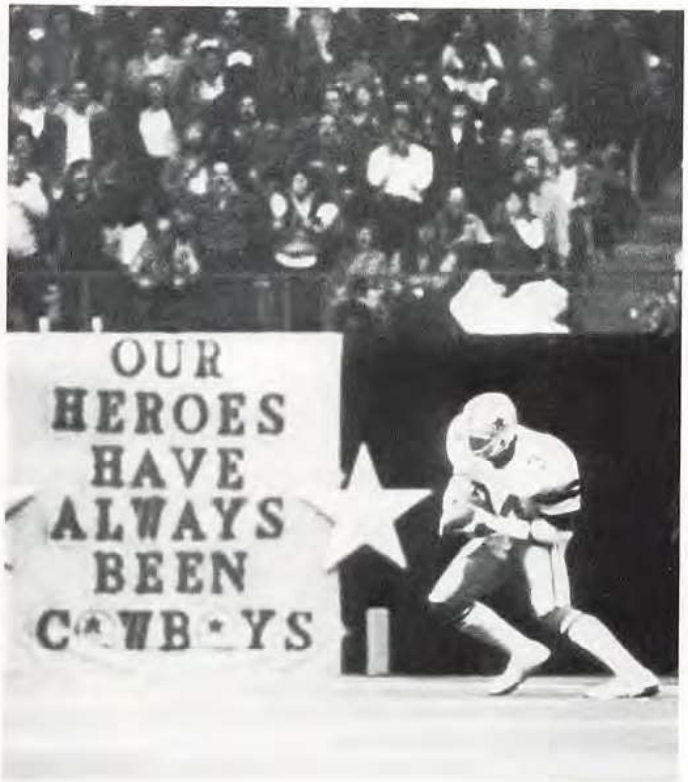
Little-used rookie safety Monty Hunter turned one of Williams's interceptions into a 19-yard touchdown — and a 23-17 Dallas lead — early in the fourth quarter.

Dallas quarterback Danny White, who was bothered by a sore thumb on his throwing hand, added an insurance touchdown on a 10-yard pass to Timmy Newsome with 3:33 left that settled the issue.

Tampa Bay	0	10	7	0	— 17
Dallas	6	7	3	14	— 30

Dal — FG Septien 33
Dal — FG Septien 33
TB — Green 60 fumble recovery return (Capece kick)
TB — FG Capece 32
Dal — Springs 6 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
Dal — FG Septien 19
TB — Jones 49 pass from Williams (Capece kick)
Dal — Hunter 19 interception return (Septien kick)
Dal — Newsome 10 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
Attendance — 65,042

Below, left: *Minnesota running back Ted Brown closes in for the winning touchdown against Atlanta.* Right: *There's nobody near Dallas safety Monty Hunter as he intercepts a pass from Tampa Bay quarterback Doug Williams and puts Dallas ahead with a 19-yard touchdown return.*



AFC Second-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 15-16: N.Y. JETS VS. L.A. RAIDERS, SAN DIEGO VS. MIAMI

N.Y. JETS 17, L.A. RAIDERS 14

The much ballyhooed confrontation between running backs Freeman McNeil of the New York Jets and the Los Angeles Raiders' Marcus Allen didn't turn out to be the epicenter of the action in the AFC Second-Round Playoff Game between the Jets and the Raiders at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

McNeil, the former UCLA All-America, did rush for 105 yards on 23 carries, but Allen, his onetime rival from crosstown USC, struggled for only 36 yards on 15 attempts.

In this game, there were other heroes.

Certainly one was Jets wide receiver Wesley Walker, who caught seven passes for 169 yards. Included in his collection were a 20-yard touchdown catch from quarterback Richard Todd (15 of 24 for 277 yards), a 37-yard reception to set up a 30-yard field goal by Pat Leahy that gave the Jets a 10-0 halftime lead, and a brilliant 45-yard catch late in the game to set up a game-winning one-yard touchdown run by Scott Dierking.

After the game, though, Jets head coach Walt Michaels wanted to talk about another hero. "We won the game because of our linebacking," Michaels said. "You want to talk about all-pro linebacking, we'll talk about Lance Mehl."

Los Angeles had taken a 14-10 lead—and gathered decisive momentum—in the third quarter on a three-yard touchdown run by Allen and a 57-yard bomb from Jim Plunkett to Malcolm Barnwell.

When Dierking put the Jets back out in front 17-14 with 3:45 left, Mehl personally ensured that the Raiders wouldn't pull off one of their patented miracle finishes.

Mehl began by intercepting Plunkett with 2:20 left. The Raiders, however, got the ball back on a fumble by McNeil, and Plunkett began driving them down the field. With just 1:38 left, Mehl stole another pass—this time at the Jets' 26—and just like that, the Raiders' magic, and their season, were gone.

New York Jets	7	3	0	7	— 17
L.A. Raiders	0	0	14	0	— 14

NYJ —Walker 20 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
NYJ —FG Leahy 30
LA —Allen 3 run (Bahr kick)
LA —Barnwell 57 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
NYJ —Dierking 1 run (Leahy kick)
Attendance—90,037

MIAMI 34, SAN DIEGO 13

The big rematch between Miami and San Diego in their AFC Second-Round Playoff Game turned into a clinic.

A year earlier in the AFC Divisional Playoffs, San Diego won a 41-38 overtime thriller at the Orange Bowl.

This time, only the stadium was the same. There was a new script—and a different ending—as the Dolphins beat the Chargers every which way: on offense, on defense, and on special teams.

Miami capitalized on three early turnovers (including two fumbled kickoffs) to bolt to a 24-0 lead midway through the second quarter. Because of the Chargers' documented ability to score flurries of points in a hurry, hardly anyone at that point thought the game was over. But it was.

The Chargers scored twice before halftime and were down only 14 points (27-13) when the second half began. But then Miami's Killer Bees defense, the NFL's top-ranked unit, took over and grounded Air Coryell.

The Dolphins sacked San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts three times and took advantage of seven turnovers by the self-destructing Chargers, including five interceptions (two by strong safety Glenn Blackwood).

The Miami offensive line kept ripping open huge holes for running backs Andra Franklin (96 yards rushing) and Tony Nathan (83 yards), while quarterback David Woodley milked the retreating Chargers' defense for 195 yards and two touchdowns.

San Diego	0	13	0	0	— 13
Miami	7	20	0	7	— 34

Mia —Moore 3 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Mia —Franklin 3 run (von Schamann kick)
Mia —Lee 6 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Mia —FG von Schamann 24
SD —Joiner 28 pass from Fouts (kick failed)
Mia —FG von Schamann 23
SD —Muncie 1 run (Benirschke kick)
Mia —Woodley 7 run (von Schamann kick)
Attendance—71,383

Below, left: *Jets linebacker Lance Mehl slams the door on the Raiders' season with his second fourth-quarter interception, this one at his own 26 with 1:38 left.* Right: *Miami's David Woodley does the same to San Diego, finishing them off with a fourth-quarter touchdown on a seven-yard quarterback draw.*

NFC Second-Round Playoffs

JANUARY 15-16: MINNESOTA VS. WASHINGTON, GREEN BAY VS. DALLAS

WASHINGTON 21, MINNESOTA 7

After Washington running back John Riggins had rushed for a career-high 185 yards on 37 carries to lead Washington to a 21-7 victory over Minnesota in an NFC Second-Round Playoff Game, Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs wasn't about to mince superlatives.

"He was stupendenous," said Gibbs. "The guy is remarkable, phenomenal. Two weeks ago he came to me and said he was excited about the playoffs. He said 'Give me the ball.'"

Washington got a quick 14-0 jump on Minnesota in the first quarter when the Redskins controlled the ball for nearly 12 minutes and scored on a touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Theismann to tight end Don Warren and on a two-yard run by Riggins.

"It's demoralizing the way they control the ball early and don't let you touch it," said Minnesota quarterback Tommy Kramer.

The Vikings nevertheless responded early in the second quarter with an 18-yard touchdown run by Ted Brown, but Theismann quickly matched those points with an 18-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Alvin Garrett just over three minutes later.

A scoreless second half preserved the Redskins' 21-7 halftime advantage and set them up for the NFC Championship Game.

Theismann had more than a respectable day himself; he completed 17 of 23 passes for 213 yards and the two touchdowns.

"I have no complaints about that kind of day," he said. "With Riggins running the way he was, there were thirty-seven guys [on the Vikings] who never knew what we were going to do. That made it easy for me."

And tough on Minnesota.

Minnesota	0	7	0	0	— 7
Washington	14	7	0	0	— 21

Wash—Warren 3 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Wash—Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick)
Minn —Brown 18 run (Danmeier kick)
Wash—Garrett 18 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Attendance—54,593

DALLAS 37, GREEN BAY 26

In their NFC Second-Round Playoff Game at Dallas, the Green Bay Packers kept getting knocked down. . .but they kept pulling themselves up off the mat to deal retaliatory blows to the Cowboys.

In a game with 63 entertaining points and 841 yards in total offense, it was Dallas cornerback Dennis Thurman who delivered the roundhouse that finally kayoed the Packers.

Thurman, who had three interceptions (including one he returned 39 yards for a touchdown with 1:04 left in the second quarter that gave Dallas a 20-7 halftime lead), picked off his third in the Cowboys' end zone with 1:04 left in the game to defuse a late Packers threat and preserve a 37-26 win.

It was a game filled with big plays.

Some of the biggest came from Green Bay's James Lofton, who caught five passes for 109 yards and a touchdown, and also sprinted 71 yards for a score on a reverse in the opening minute of the fourth quarter. That trimmed Dallas's lead to 23-19.

The Cowboys came back five minutes later with a seven-yard scoring pass from quarterback Danny White to tight end Doug Cosbie to make it 30-19, but Green Bay narrowed the gap to four points again with 7:23 left when cornerback Mark Lee scored on a 22-yard interception return.

Dallas finally pulled away when a 49-yard pass from Drew Pearson to fellow wide receiver Tony Hill set up a one-yard touchdown run by Robert Newhouse with 4:24 left. Thurman then made sure the Packers stayed at arm's length.

Green Bay	0	7	6	13	— 26
Dallas	6	14	3	14	— 37

Dall —FG Septien 50
Dall —FG Septien 24
GB —Lofton 6 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)
Dall —Newsome 2 run (Septien kick)
Dall —Thurman 39 interception return (Septien kick)
GB —FG Stenerud 30
GB —FG Stenerud 33
Dall —FG Septien 24
GB —Lofton 71 run (kick failed)
Dall —Cosbie 7 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
GB —Lee 22 interception return (Stenerud kick)
Dall —Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick)
Attendance—63,972

Below, left: *Big John Riggins took the Redskins' running game to—and through—the Vikings with 185 yards on 37 carries and one touchdown.* Right: *Dallas cornerback Dennis Thurman turned in an interception hat trick against Green Bay, including one he returned 39 yards for a touchdown.*

NFC Championship Game

JANUARY 22: DALLAS VS. WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON 31, DALLAS 17

What the NFC Championship Game came down to, ultimately, was that the Redskins wanted the Cowboys more than the Cowboys wanted the Redskins. And, oh, how the Redskins wanted them.

Driven by a passion to earn the respect of the entire nation, as well as a trip to Pasadena, the Capital's team made a hoedown out of a showdown by beating America's Team 31-17 at frenzied RFK Stadium.

"We were playing for the Super Bowl," said Dallas's Drew Pearson. "They were playing for respect. They got both."

The Redskins got both because their fervor was translated on the field into a forbidding defense and a relentless, grind-it-out offense that left the Cowboys reeling.

"It was a Redskins day," said Dallas head coach Tom Landry. "They won it on turnovers and they moved the ball all day."

The Cowboys struck first when they drove 75 yards after the opening kickoff. But they were forced to settle for Rafael Septien's 27-yard field goal.

Washington quickly countered with an 84-yard march of its own, during which the Redskins' offensive linemen—the self-dubbed Hogs—established an early tone by dominating the Cowboys' talented defensive front. The Redskins' superiority on the line opened the door for punishing runs by John Riggins, and gave plenty of time to quarterback Joe Theismann, who put Washington in front 7-3 with a 19-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Charlie Brown.

Dallas couldn't do much of anything against the Redskins' fired-up defense the rest of the first half. Washington got its first big break in the second quarter when the Cowboys' Rod Hill bobbled Jeff Hayes's punt and Monte Coleman recovered for the Redskins at the Dallas 11 yard line. Riggins dove over from the 1 four plays later to make it 14-3.

Dallas suffered a blow just before halftime when quarterback Danny White was run over by defensive end Dexter Manley. White suffered a concussion and never returned.

White's understudy, Gary Hogeboom, coolly took seven points off the Redskins' lead on Dallas's first possession of the second half, capped by a six-yard touchdown pass to Drew Pearson.

But Washington's Mike Nelms had a response for that; he returned the ensuing kickoff 76 yards to the Dallas 20, and Riggins powered in from the 4 to make it 21-10.

Hogeboom, who threw only eight passes all season, expertly took Dallas on another drive, an 84-yarder that finished with a 23-yard scoring pass to Butch Johnson.

Hogeboom's luck turned in the fourth quarter, however. First he was intercepted by Washington linebacker Mel Kaufman; the Redskins exploited the turnover with a 29-yard field goal by Mark Moseley. Then, on Dallas's very next play from scrimmage, Manley tipped a pass by Hogeboom into the arms of fellow lineman Darryl Grant, who lumbered 10 yards for a touchdown that made it 31-17 with 6:45 left.

But, overall, it was the running of Riggins that made the difference. In his last three games against the Cowboys, Riggins had managed totals of 26, 12, and 25 yards. But this time he overpowered them with 140 yards on 36 carries, more than doubling the output of the entire Dallas team, which had just 65 yards (57 by Tony Dorsett).

"On game days," said Washington head coach Joe Gibbs, "John tells us, 'Hey, just get the wagon out, hitch it up, and I'll pull it. Everybody get on.'"

Thanks to Riggins, the wagon's next destination is Pasadena for Super Bowl XVII.

Dallas	3	0	14	0	— 17
Washington	7	7	7	10	— 31

Dall —FG Septien 27
Wash—Brown 19 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Wash—Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)
Dall —Pearson 6 pass from Hogeboom (Septien kick)
Wash—Riggins 4 run (Moseley kick)
Dall —Johnson 23 pass from Hogeboom (Septien kick)
Wash—FG Moseley 29
Wash—Grant 10 interception return (Moseley kick)
Attendance—55,045

Below, left: *Dallas quarterback Danny White didn't get the number of the truck that knocked him out of the game; it was 72, Dexter Manley.* Right: *Manley did more damage later when he tipped a pass in the Dallas backfield and teammate Darryl Grant (77) intercepted it and rumbled 10 yards for a touchdown.*

AFC Championship Game

JANUARY 23: N.Y. JETS VS. MIAMI

MIAMI 14, N.Y. JETS 0

The New York Jets ran smack into a churning buzz saw in the AFC Championship Game against Miami at the rain-soaked Orange Bowl.

It was exactly the same buzz saw that ripped apart San Diego's vaunted Air Coryell offense a week earlier in a Second-Round Playoff Game. And the outcome, despite the scoring differential, was the same.

Miami's Killer Bees defense completely overwhelmed the Jets. It carried the Dolphins to a 14-0 victory and the right to advance to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in their history (and the first since January, 1974).

The Dolphins threw a net over NFL rushing leader Freeman McNeil and the New York running game; McNeil struggled for only 46 yards on 17 carries. The Dolphins also grounded the Jets' passing attack. They intercepted Richard Todd five times (and forced him into a dismal statistical day: 15 of 37 for 103 yards). They even handcuffed wide receiver Wesley Walker, a frequent Dolphins nemesis in the past; Walker managed just one meaningless catch.

The slippery footing on the soggy Orange Bowl turf affected both teams, especially in the scoreless first half. But bit-by-bit, as the game wore on, the Dolphins just kept taking pieces of the Jets' offense away, until finally there was nothing left for New York but a raw feeling of helplessness.

"I could make a lot of excuses about the loss," said Jets head coach Walt Michaels, "but when it's done, it's done. Sometimes you just shouldn't get up in the morning."

The Dolphins' most prominent hero was sixth-year linebacker A.J. Duhe, who had three of Miami's five interceptions—two of which led to touchdowns.

"They [the defense] have been hearing people talk about the No-Names, and wanted people to know theirs," said Miami head coach Don Shula. "I think a lot of people know who A.J. Duhe is after today."

Duhe burned the Jets. His first interception led to the game's first score, a seven-yard touchdown run by running back Woody Bennett at 2:05 of the third quarter. (Bennett, who had been cut by the Jets two years ago, was in the game in place of Andra Franklin, who suffered a head injury.)

Duhe returned his third interception 35 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. When the Jets continued to misfire, that gave Miami more than enough points.

"I didn't do any of it by instinct," said Duhe. "Everything we do on this team is planned carefully in advance."

Duhe had plenty of help from his defensive mates. Glenn Blackwood and Gerald Small both had interceptions; Don McNeal blocked a Jets punt; Kim Bokamper sacked Todd three times; and the defense held the Jets to 139 yards in total offense—an all-time low for an AFC Championship Game.

"The defense rose to the occasion," said Shula, "and it gets better every week. Today, it was the greatest ever."

It was a good thing, because the Miami offense spent most of the game sputtering itself. Quarterback David Woodley was intercepted three times, and the Dolphins managed only 198 yards in total offense.

Miami's victory was its third over the Jets this season, marking the first time since Green Bay beat Don Shula's Baltimore Colts three times in the 1965 season that an NFL team had accomplished that feat.

So the Dolphins advance to meet Washington in Super Bowl XVII at the Rose Bowl, which will bring back some memories of Super Bowl VII, when Miami defeated the Redskins 14-7 to become the first team in NFC history to post a perfect (17-0) record.

"It's deja vu," said offensive guard Bob Kuechenberg, one of only two players remaining from Miami's glory years in the early 1970s. "We just had a ten-year reunion with that [1972-73] team, and now we've got a reunion with the Redskins. It's uncanny, when you think about it."

N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	0	7	7	14

Mia — Bennett 7 run (von Schamann kick)

Mia — Duhe 35 interception return (von Schamann kick)

Attendance—67,396

Below, left: *A.J. Duhe (77) was all over the field for the Miami Dolphins, confounding the Jets from six different defensive positions. He intercepted three passes and ran one back for a 35-yard score.* Right: *Duhe and Super Bowl-bound Killer Bees Doug Betters (75) and Bob Baumhower celebrate the victory.*

Pro Bowl

THE ROSTERS FOR THE 1983 AFC-NFC PRO BOWL

American Football Conference

OFFENSE

Wide Receivers
Wes Chandler . . . . . San Diego
Cris Collinsworth . . . . . Cincinnati
Wesley Walker . . . . . New York Jets
John Stallworth . . . . . Pittsburgh

Tackles
Anthony Munoz . . . . . Cincinnati
Marvin Powell . . . . . New York Jets
Larry Brown . . . . . Pittsburgh

Guards
John Hannah . . . . . New England
Doug Wilkerson . . . . . San Diego
Ed Newman . . . . . Miami

Centers
Mike Webster . . . . . Pittsburgh
Joe Fields . . . . . New York Jets

Tight Ends
Kellen Winslow . . . . . San Diego
Dan Ross . . . . . Cincinnati

Quarterbacks
Dan Fouts . . . . . San Diego
Ken Anderson . . . . . Cincinnati

Running Backs
Marcus Allen . . . . . Los Angeles Raiders
Freeman McNeil . . . . . New York Jets
Andra Franklin . . . . . Miami
Chuck Muncie . . . . . San Diego

Players are listed by position and in order of total number of votes received. Prospective starters are in italics.

Dan Fouts, San Diego Chargers

DEFENSE

Ends
Mark Gastineau . . . . . New York Jets
Art Still . . . . . Kansas City
Ben Williams . . . . . Buffalo

Tackles
Fred Smerlas . . . . . Buffalo
Gary Johnson . . . . . San Diego
Bob Baumhower . . . . . Miami

Outside Linebackers
Ted Hendricks . . . . . Los Angeles Raiders
Robert Brazile . . . . . Houston
Chip Banks . . . . . Cleveland

Middle Linebackers
Jack Lambert . . . . . Pittsburgh
Randy Gradishar . . . . . Denver

Cornerbacks
Mike Haynes . . . . . New England
Lester Hayes . . . . . Los Angeles Raiders
Gary Green . . . . . Kansas City

Safeties
Donnie Shell . . . . . Pittsburgh
Gary Barbaro . . . . . Kansas City
Kenny Easley . . . . . Seattle

SPECIALISTS

Punter
Luke Prestridge . . . . . Denver

Kicker
Rolf Benirschke . . . . . San Diego

Kick Return Specialist
Rick Upchurch . . . . . Denver

National Football Conference

OFFENSE

Wide Receivers
James Lofton . . . . . Green Bay
Dwight Clark . . . . . San Francisco
Charlie Brown . . . . . Washington
John Jefferson . . . . . Green Bay

Tackles
Mike Kenn . . . . . Atlanta
Pat Donovan . . . . . Dallas
Keith Dorney . . . . . Detroit

Guards
R.C. Thielemann . . . . . Atlanta
Randy Cross . . . . . San Francisco
Kent Hill . . . . . Los Angeles Rams

Centers
Jeff Van Note . . . . . Atlanta
Larry McCarren . . . . . Green Bay

Tight Ends
Jimmie Giles . . . . . Tampa Bay
Paul Coffman . . . . . Green Bay

Quarterbacks
Joe Theismann . . . . . Washington
Danny White . . . . . Dallas

Running Backs
William Andrews . . . . . Atlanta
Tony Dorsett . . . . . Dallas
Billy Sims . . . . . Detroit
George Rogers . . . . . New Orleans

Players are listed by position and in order of total number of votes received. Prospective starters are in italics.

Lawrence Taylor, New York Giants

DEFENSE

Ends
Lee Roy Selmon . . . . . Tampa Bay
Ed (Too Tall) Jones . . . . . Dallas
Dennis Harrison . . . . . Philadelphia

Tackles
Randy White . . . . . Dallas
Doug English . . . . . Detroit
Dan Hampton . . . . . Chicago

Outside Linebackers
Lawrence Taylor . . . . . New York Giants
Hugh Green . . . . . Tampa Bay
Matt Blair . . . . . Minnesota

Middle Linebackers
Harry Carson . . . . . New York Giants
Bob Breunig . . . . . Dallas

Cornerbacks
Everson Walls . . . . . Dallas
Mark Haynes . . . . . New York Giants
Ronnie Lott . . . . . San Francisco

Safeties
Nolan Cromwell . . . . . Los Angeles Rams
Tony Peters . . . . . Washington
Dwight Hicks . . . . . San Francisco

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1982 Statistics

1982 NFL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Freeman McNeil, New York Jets

LEADING RUSHERS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Freeman McNeil, Jets	151	786	5.2	48	6
Tony Dorsett, Dall	177	745	4.2	99	5
Andra Franklin, Mia	177	701	4.0	25	7
Marcus Allen, Raiders	160	697	4.4	53	11
Billy Sims, Det	172	639	3.7	29	4
Joe Cribbs, Buff	134	633	4.7	62	3
Tony Collins, NE	164	632	3.9	54	1
Pete Johnson, Cin	156	622	4.0	21	7
Franco Harris, Pitt	140	604	4.3	21	2
Walter Payton, Chi	148	596	4.0	26	1

LEADING PASSERS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Int.	Rating
Ken Anderson, Cin	309	218	70.6	2495	12	9	95.5
Dan Fouts, SD	330	204	61.8	2889	17	11	93.6
Joe Theismann, Wash	252	161	63.9	2033	13	9	91.3
Danny White, Dall	247	156	63.2	2079	16	12	91.1
Joe Montana, SF	346	213	61.6	2613	17	11	87.9
Richard Todd, Jets	261	153	58.6	1961	14	8	87.3
Steve Grogan, NE	122	66	54.1	930	7	4	84.2
Terry Bradshaw, Pitt	240	127	52.9	1768	17	11	81.4
Steve Bartkowski, Atl	262	166	63.4	1905	8	11	78.1
Vince Ferragamo, Rams	209	118	56.5	1609	9	9	77.7

LEADING RECEIVERS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Dwight Clark, SF	60	913	15.2	5
Kellen Winslow, SD	54	721	13.4	6
James Wilder, TB	53	466	8.8	1
Wes Chandler, SD	49	1032	21.1	9
Cris Collinsworth, Cin	49	700	14.3	1
Ozzie Newsome, Cle	49	633	12.9	3
Dan Ross, Cin	47	508	10.8	3
Todd Christensen, Raiders	42	510	12.1	4
William Andrews, Atl	42	503	12.0	2
Henry Marshall, KC	40	549	13.7	3

Kellen Winslow, San Diego Chargers

LEADING PUNTERS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Ret.	Ret. Yds.	In 20	Net Avg.
Luke Prestridge, Den	45	2026	45.0	25	227	14	37.8
Rohn Stark, Balt	46	2044	44.4	26	226	8	34.3
Carl Birdsong, St.L	54	2365	43.8	36	288	8	36.2
Rich Camarillo, NE	49	2140	43.7	26	191	10	37.7
John Misko, Rams	45	1961	43.6	31	401	10	33.0
Russell Erxleben, NO	46	1976	43.0	29	239	6	35.2
Dave Jennings, Giants	49	2096	42.8	25	207	16	37.3
Danny White, Dall	37	1542	41.7	21	118	6	37.4
Larry Swider, TB	39	1620	41.5	23	192	6	32.7
Jeff Gossett, KC	33	1366	41.4	20	247	6	30.9

LEADING PUNT RETURNERS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Rick Upchurch, Den	15	242	16.1	78	2
James Brooks, SD	12	138	11.5	29	0
Billy Johnson, Atl	24	273	11.4	71	0
Paul Johns, Sea	19	210	11.1	37	0
LeRoy Irvin, Rams	22	242	11.0	63	1
Rick Woods, Pitt	13	142	10.9	20	0
Tom Vigorito, Mia	20	192	9.6	59	1
Fred Solomon, SF	13	122	9.4	27	0
Leon Bright, Giants	37	325	8.8	33	0
Ricky Smith, NE	16	139	8.7	19	0

Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders

LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Mike Mosley, Buff	18	487	27.1	66	0
Alvin Hall, Det	16	426	26.6	96	1
Greg Pruitt, Raiders	14	371	26.5	55	0
Mike Nelms, Wash	23	557	24.2	58	0
Jarvis Redwine, Minn	12	286	23.8	76	0
Ricky Smith, NE	24	567	23.6	98	1
Rickey Watts, Chi	14	330	23.6	36	0
Fred Bohannon, Pitt	14	329	23.5	57	0
Wade Manning, Den	15	346	23.1	34	0
Barry Redden, Rams	22	502	22.8	85	0
Stump Mitchell, St.L	16	364	22.8	33	0

LEADING SCORERS	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.
Marcus Allen, Raiders	14			84
Rolf Benirschke, SD		32-34	16-22	80
Wendell Tyler, Rams	13			78
Mark Moseley, Wash		16-19	20-21	76
Nick Lowery, KC		17-17	19-24	74
Bill Capece, TB		14-14	18-23	68
Jim Breech, Cin		25-26	14-18	67
Uwe von Schamann, Mia		21-22	15-20	66
Jan Stenerud, GB		25-27	13-18	64
Chris Bahr, Raiders		32-33	10-16	62

LEADING INTERCEPTORS	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Everson Walls, Dall	7	61	37	0
Ken Riley, Cin	5	88	56	1
Bobby Jackson, Jets	5	84	77	1
Dwayne Woodruff, Pitt	5	53	30	0
Donnie Shell, Pitt	5	27	18	0
Bobby Watkins, Det	5	22	20	0
Herman Edwards, Phil	5	3	3	0
13 tied with	4			

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1982 AFC Results

* Overtime

BALTIMORE COLTS

Sept. 12	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	13-24
Sept. 19	at Miami Dolphins	20-24
Nov. 21	at New York Jets	0-37
Nov. 28	at Buffalo Bills	0-20
Dec. 5	CINCINNATI BENGALS	17-20
Dec. 12	at Minnesota Vikings	10-13
Dec. 19	GREEN BAY PACKERS*	20-20
Dec. 26	at San Diego Chargers	26-44
Jan. 2	MIAMI DOLPHINS	7-34

W 0 L 8 T 1 **113-236**

BUFFALO BILLS

Sept. 12	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	14-9
Sept. 16	MINNESOTA VIKINGS (Thursday)	23-22
Nov. 21	MIAMI DOLPHINS	7-9
Nov. 28	BALTIMORE COLTS	20-0
Dec. 5	vs. Green Bay Packers (Milwaukee)	21-33
Dec. 12	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	13-0
Dec. 19	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	23-24
Dec. 27	at Miami Dolphins (Monday)	10-27
Jan. 2	at New England Patriots	19-30

W 4 L 5 **150-154**

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sept. 12	HOUSTON OILERS	27-6
Sept. 19	at Pittsburgh Steelers*	20-26
Nov. 21	at Philadelphia Eagles	18-14
Nov. 28	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	31-17
Dec. 5	at Baltimore Colts	20-17
Dec. 12	CLEVELAND BROWNS	23-10
Dec. 20	at San Diego Chargers (Monday)	34-50
Dec. 26	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	24-10
Jan. 2	at Houston Oilers	35-27

W 7 L 2 **232-177**

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sept. 12	at Seattle Seahawks	21-7
Sept. 19	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	21-24
Nov. 21	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	10-7
Nov. 25	at Dallas Cowboys (Thanksgiving)	14-31
Dec. 5	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	13-30
Dec. 12	at Cincinnati Bengals	10-23
Dec. 19	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	10-9
Dec. 26	at Houston Oilers	20-14
Jan. 2	at Pittsburgh Steelers	21-37

W 4 L 5 **140-182**

DENVER BRONCOS

Sept. 12	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	3-23
Sept. 19	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	24-21
Nov. 21	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	10-17
Nov. 28	at San Diego Chargers	20-30
Dec. 5	ATLANTA FALCONS	27-34
Dec. 12	at Los Angeles Rams	27-24
Dec. 19	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	16-37
Dec. 26	at Los Angeles Raiders	10-27
Jan. 2	at Seattle Seahawks	11-13

W 2 L 7 **148-226**

HOUSTON OILERS

Sept. 12	at Cincinnati Bengals	6-27
Sept. 19	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	23-21
Nov. 21	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	10-24
Nov. 28	at New England Patriots	21-29
Dec. 5	at New York Giants	14-17
Dec. 13	DALLAS COWBOYS (Monday)	7-37
Dec. 19	at Philadelphia Eagles	14-35
Dec. 26	CLEVELAND BROWNS	14-20
Jan. 2	CINCINNATI BENGALS	27-35

W 1 L 8 **136-245**

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sept. 12	at Buffalo Bills	9-14
Sept. 19	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	19-12
Nov. 21	at New Orleans Saints	17-27
Nov. 28	at Los Angeles Rams	14-20
Dec. 5	at Pittsburgh Steelers	14-35
Dec. 12	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	16-21
Dec. 19	at Denver Broncos	37-16
Dec. 26	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	13-26
Jan. 2	NEW YORK JETS	37-13

W 3 L 6 **176-184**

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Sept. 12	at San Francisco 49ers	23-17
Sept. 19	at Atlanta Falcons	38-14
Nov. 22	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (Monday)	28-24
Nov. 28	at Cincinnati Bengals	17-31
Dec. 5	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	28-23
Dec. 12	at Kansas City Chiefs	21-16
Dec. 18	LOS ANGELES RAMS (Saturday)	37-31
Dec. 26	DENVER BRONCOS	27-10
Jan. 2	at San Diego Chargers	41-34

W 8 L 1 **260-200**

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept. 12	at New York Jets	45-28
Sept. 19	BALTIMORE COLTS	24-20
Nov. 21	at Buffalo Bills	9-7
Nov. 29	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Monday)	17-23
Dec. 5	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	22-14
Dec. 12	at New England Patriots	0-3
Dec. 18	NEW YORK JETS (Saturday)	20-19
Dec. 27	BUFFALO BILLS (Monday)	27-10
Jan. 2	at Baltimore Colts	34-7

W 7 L 2 **198-131**

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sept. 12	at Baltimore Colts	24-13
Sept. 19	NEW YORK JETS	7-31
Nov. 21	at Cleveland Browns	7-10
Nov. 28	HOUSTON OILERS	29-21
Dec. 5	at Chicago Bears	13-26
Dec. 12	MIAMI DOLPHINS	3-0
Dec. 19	at Seattle Seahawks	16-0
Dec. 26	at Pittsburgh Steelers	14-37
Jan. 2	BUFFALO BILLS	30-19

W 5 L 4 **143-157**

NEW YORK JETS

Sept. 12	MIAMI DOLPHINS	28-45
Sept. 19	at New England Patriots	31-7
Nov. 21	BALTIMORE COLTS	37-0
Nov. 28	GREEN BAY PACKERS	15-13
Dec. 6	at Detroit Lions (Monday)	28-13
Dec. 12	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	32-17
Dec. 18	at Miami Dolphins (Saturday)	19-20
Dec. 26	at Minnesota Vikings	42-14
Jan. 2	at Kansas City Chiefs	13-37

W 6 L 3 **245-166**

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept. 13	at Dallas Cowboys (Monday)	36-28
Sept. 19	CINCINNATI BENGALS*	26-20
Nov. 21	at Houston Oilers	24-10
Nov. 28	at Seattle Seahawks	0-16
Dec. 5	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	35-14
Dec. 12	at Buffalo Bills	0-13
Dec. 19	at Cleveland Browns	9-10
Dec. 26	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	37-14
Jan. 2	CLEVELAND BROWNS	37-21

W 6 L 3 **204-146**

1982 AFC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	8	1	0	.889	260	200
Miami	7	2	0	.778	198	131
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	232	177
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	204	146
San Diego	6	3	0	.667	288	221
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	245	166
New England	5	4	0	.556	143	157
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	140	182
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	150	154
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	127	147
Kansas City	3	6	0	.333	176	184
Denver	2	7	0	.222	148	226
Houston	1	8	0	.111	136	245
Baltimore	0	8	1	.063	113	236

First-Round Playoffs
L.A. Raiders 27, Cleveland 10
Miami 28, New England 13
N.Y. Jets 44, Cincinnati 17
San Diego 31, Pittsburgh 28
Second-Round Playoffs
Miami 34, San Diego 13
N.Y. Jets 17, L.A. Raiders 14
Championship Game
Miami 14, New York Jets 0

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sept. 12	at Denver Broncos	23-3
Sept. 19	at Kansas City Chiefs	12-19
Nov. 22	at Los Angeles Raiders (Monday)	24-28
Nov. 28	DENVER BRONCOS	30-20
Dec. 5	at Cleveland Browns	30-13
Dec. 11	at San Francisco 49ers (Saturday)	41-37
Dec. 20	CINCINNATI BENGALS (Monday)	50-34
Dec. 26	BALTIMORE COLTS	44-26
Jan. 2	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	34-41

W 6 L 3 **288-221**

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sept. 12	CLEVELAND BROWNS	7-21
Sept. 19	at Houston Oilers	21-23
Nov. 21	at Denver Broncos	17-10
Nov. 28	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	16-0
Dec. 5	at Los Angeles Raiders	23-28
Dec. 12	CHICAGO BEARS	20-14
Dec. 19	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	0-16
Dec. 26	at Cincinnati Bengals	10-24
Jan. 2	DENVER BRONCOS	13-11

W 4 L 5 **127-147**

1982 NFC Results

* Overtime

ATLANTA FALCONS

Sept. 12	at New York Giants	16-14
Sept. 19	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	14-38
Nov. 21	LOS ANGELES RAMS	34-17
Nov. 28	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	20-23
Dec. 5	at Denver Broncos	34-27
Dec. 12	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	35-0
Dec. 19	at San Francisco 49ers	17-7
Dec. 26	GREEN BAY PACKERS	7-38
Jan. 2	at New Orleans Saints	6-35

W 5 L 4 **183-199**

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept. 12	at Detroit Lions	10-17
Sept. 19	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	0-10
Nov. 21	DETROIT LIONS	20-17
Nov. 28	at Minnesota Vikings	7-35
Dec. 5	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	26-13
Dec. 12	at Seattle Seahawks	14-20
Dec. 19	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	7-10
Dec. 26	at Los Angeles Rams	34-26
Jan. 2	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers*	23-26

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DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept. 13	PITTSBURGH STEELERS (Monday)	28-36
Sept. 19	at St. Louis Cardinals	24-7
Nov. 21	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	14-9
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND BROWNS (Thanksgiving)	31-14
Dec. 5	at Washington Redskins	24-10
Dec. 13	at Houston Oilers (Monday)	37-7
Dec. 19	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	21-7
Dec. 26	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	20-24
Jan. 3	at Minnesota Vikings (Monday)	27-31

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DETROIT LIONS

Sept. 12	CHICAGO BEARS	17-10
Sept. 19	at Los Angeles Rams	19-14
Nov. 21	at Chicago Bears	17-20
Nov. 25	NEW YORK GIANTS (Thanksgiving)	6-13
Dec. 6	NEW YORK JETS (Monday)	13-28
Dec. 12	at Green Bay Packers	30-10
Dec. 19	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	31-34
Dec. 26	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	21-23
Jan. 2	GREEN BAY PACKERS	27-24

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept. 12	LOS ANGELES RAMS (Milwaukee)	35-23
Sept. 20	at New York Giants (Monday)	27-19
Nov. 21	MINNESOTA VIKINGS (Milwaukee)	26-7
Nov. 28	at New York Jets	13-15
Dec. 5	BUFFALO BILLS (Milwaukee)	33-21
Dec. 12	DETROIT LIONS	10-30
Dec. 19	at Baltimore Colts*	20-20
Dec. 26	at Atlanta Falcons	38-7
Jan. 2	at Detroit Lions	24-27

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LOS ANGELES RAMS

Sept. 12	vs. Green Bay Packers (Milwaukee)	23-35
Sept. 19	DETROIT LIONS	14-19
Nov. 21	at Atlanta Falcons	17-34
Nov. 28	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	20-14
Dec. 2	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (Thursday)	24-30
Dec. 12	DENVER BRONCOS	24-27
Dec. 18	at Los Angeles Raiders (Saturday)	31-37
Dec. 26	CHICAGO BEARS	26-34
Jan. 2	at San Francisco 49ers	21-20

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sept. 12	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	17-10
Sept. 16	at Buffalo Bills (Thursday)	22-23
Nov. 21	vs. Green Bay Packers (Milwaukee)	7-26
Nov. 28	CHICAGO BEARS	35-7
Dec. 5	at Miami Dolphins	14-22
Dec. 12	BALTIMORE COLTS	13-10
Dec. 19	at Detroit Lions	34-31
Dec. 26	NEW YORK JETS	14-42
Jan. 3	DALLAS COWBOYS (Monday)	31-27

W 5 L 4 **187-198**

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sept. 12	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	7-21
Sept. 19	at Chicago Bears	10-0
Nov. 21	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	27-17
Nov. 28	at San Francisco 49ers	23-20
Dec. 5	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	10-13
Dec. 12	at Atlanta Falcons	0-35
Dec. 19	at Dallas Cowboys	17-21
Dec. 26	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	10-27
Jan. 2	ATLANTA FALCONS	35-6

W 4 L 5 **129-160**

NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept. 12	ATLANTA FALCONS	14-16
Sept. 20	GREEN BAY PACKERS (Monday)	19-27
Nov. 21	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	17-27
Nov. 25	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)	13-6
Dec. 5	HOUSTON OILERS	17-14
Dec. 11	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (Saturday)	23-7
Dec. 19	at Washington Redskins	14-15
Dec. 26	at St. Louis Cardinals	21-24
Jan. 2	at Philadelphia Eagles	26-24

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sept. 12	WASHINGTON REDSKINS*	34-37
Sept. 19	at Cleveland Browns	24-21
Nov. 21	CINCINNATI BENGALS	14-18
Nov. 28	at Washington Redskins	9-13
Dec. 5	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	20-23
Dec. 11	at New York Giants (Saturday)	7-23
Dec. 19	HOUSTON OILERS	35-14
Dec. 26	at Dallas Cowboys	24-20
Jan. 2	NEW YORK GIANTS	24-26

W 3 L 6 **191-195**

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Sept. 12	at New Orleans Saints	21-7
Sept. 19	DALLAS COWBOYS	7-24
Nov. 21	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	20-31
Nov. 28	at Atlanta Falcons	23-20
Dec. 5	at Philadelphia Eagles	23-20
Dec. 12	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	7-12
Dec. 19	at Chicago Bears	10-7
Dec. 26	NEW YORK GIANTS	24-21
Jan. 2	at Washington Redskins	0-28

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept. 12	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	17-23
Sept. 19	at Denver Broncos	21-24
Nov. 21	at St. Louis Cardinals	31-20
Nov. 28	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	20-23
Dec. 2	at Los Angeles Rams (Thursday)	30-24
Dec. 11	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (Saturday)	37-41
Dec. 19	ATLANTA FALCONS	7-17
Dec. 26	at Kansas City Chiefs	26-13
Jan. 2	LOS ANGELES RAMS	20-21

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1982 NFC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	8	1	0	.889	190	128
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	226	145
Green Bay	5	3	1	.611	226	169
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	187	198
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	183	199
St. Louis	5	4	0	.556	135	170
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	158	178
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	181	176
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	129	160
N.Y. Giants	4	5	0	.444	164	160
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	209	206
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	141	174
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	191	195
L.A. Rams	2	7	0	.222	200	250

First-Round Playoffs
Dallas 30, Tampa Bay 17
Green Bay 41, St. Louis 16
Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24
Washington 31, Detroit 7
Second-Round Playoffs
Dallas 37, Green Bay 26
Washington 21, Minnesota 7
Championship Game
Washington 31, Dallas 17

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sept. 12	at Minnesota Vikings	10-17
Sept. 19	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	13-21
Nov. 21	at Dallas Cowboys	9-14
Nov. 29	MIAMI DOLPHINS (Monday)	23-17
Dec. 5	at New Orleans Saints	13-10
Dec. 12	at New York Jets	17-32
Dec. 19	BUFFALO BILLS	24-23
Dec. 26	DETROIT LIONS	23-21
Jan. 2	CHICAGO BEARS*	26-23

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WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Sept. 12	at Philadelphia Eagles*	37-34
Sept. 19	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	21-13
Nov. 21	at New York Giants	27-17
Nov. 28	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	13-9
Dec. 5	DALLAS COWBOYS	10-24
Dec. 12	at St. Louis Cardinals	12-7
Dec. 19	NEW YORK GIANTS	15-14
Dec. 26	at New Orleans Saints	27-10
Jan. 2	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	28-0

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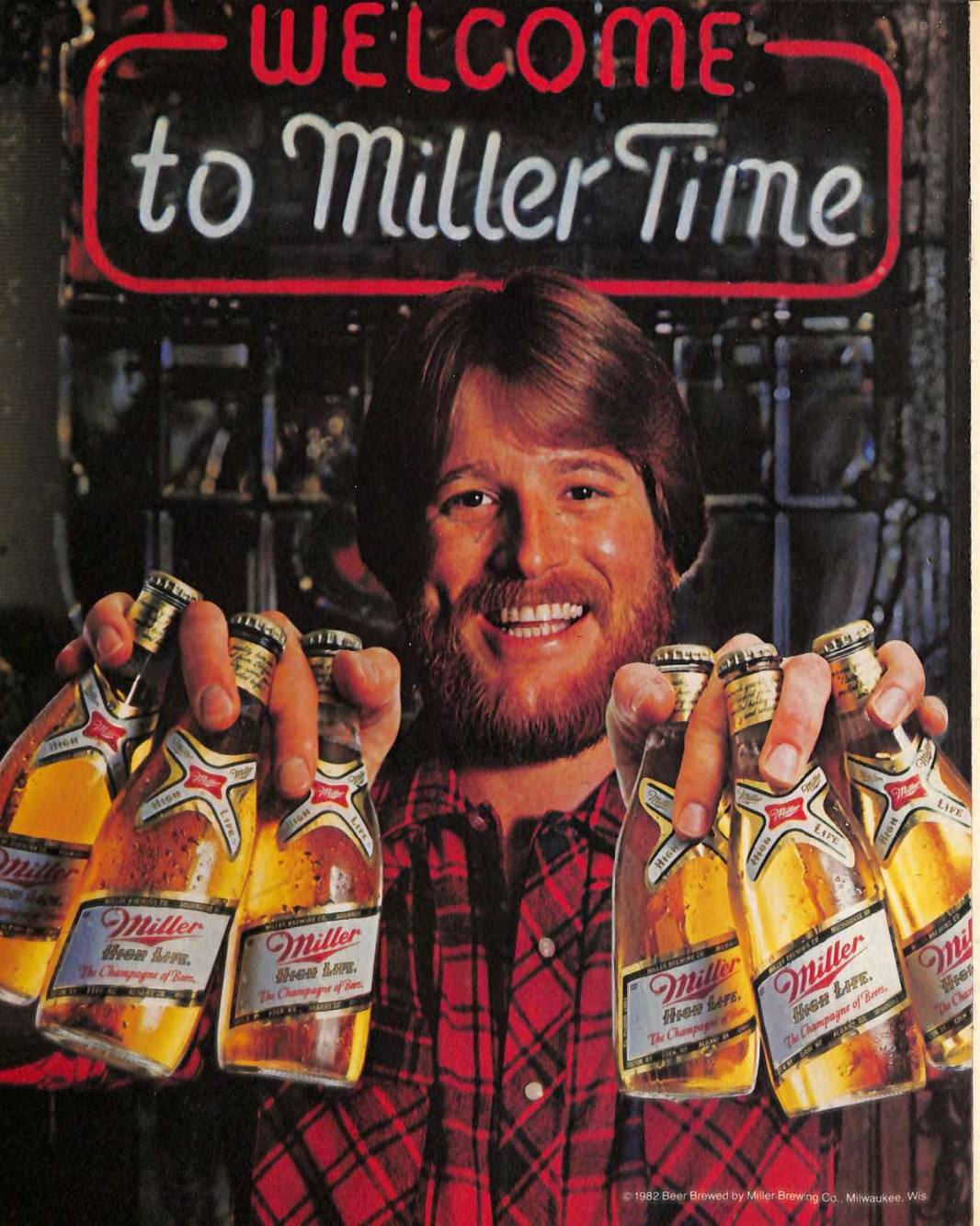

Super Heroes: Men of the Year, Super Bowl MVPs

In a special section of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, stands a display dedicated to the Miller-NFL Man of the Year. Here, the Hall of Fame recognizes the contributions, both on and off the field, of the recipients of the award:

John Unitas, quarterback, Baltimore Colts, 1970; John Hadl, quarterback, San Diego Chargers, 1971; Willie Lanier, linebacker, Kansas City Chiefs, 1972; Len Dawson, quarterback, Kansas City Chiefs, 1973; George Blanda, quarterback, Oakland Raiders, 1974; Ken Anderson, quarterback, Cincinnati Bengals, 1975; Franco Harris, running back, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1976; Harold Carmichael, wide receiver, Philadelphia Eagles, 1980; Lynn Swann, wide receiver, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1981.

The Miller-NFL Man of the Year honorees are special, and three of them (Dawson, Harris, and Swann) share another coveted award: Super Bowl most valuable player. On the following pages, you'll meet the super men of the first 16 Super Bowls, and relive the excitement of each of the NFL's biggest events.

Lynn Swann: NFL Man of the Year

I learned firsthand about the NFL Man of the Year in 1976, when Franco Harris, my teammate and roommate, was chosen to receive the honor. It is an award that's given for both excellence in play and for community service, and has been given since 1970.

Though three Super Bowl most valuable players have won the NFL Man of the Year award so far—Len Dawson in 1973, Franco in 1976, and me in 1981—I feel the humanitarian aspect of the award should be stressed.

The importance of the Miller-NFL Man of the Year program is not so much recognizing what a player already has accomplished on the field and off the field for others, as it is continuing the work that is yet to be done. Franco's efforts affected me in a positive way and got me involved in my community. It's good to see that kind of influence carried on.

It is an honor to receive the Man of the Year award. I know I was very pleased and surprised when I was chosen to receive it for my work as national spokesperson for Big Brothers/Big Sisters International and for my efforts in the Pittsburgh area for Multiple Sclerosis.

Lynn Swann receives the 1981 Man of the Year trophy from Thomas B. Shropshire, senior vice president of the Miller Brewing Company, at halftime of the 1982 AFC-NFC Pro Bowl.

I also am pleased that I was able to affect the people at Miller Brewing Company who have donated $50,000 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters to help finance their major 1983 fundraising campaign. My involvement and Miller's commitment continue to grow.

Watch for the announcement of the 1982 NFL Man of the Year, sponsored by Miller High Life, at halftime of the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Sunday, February 6, on ABC-TV.

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Bart Starr: Living Up to His Last Name

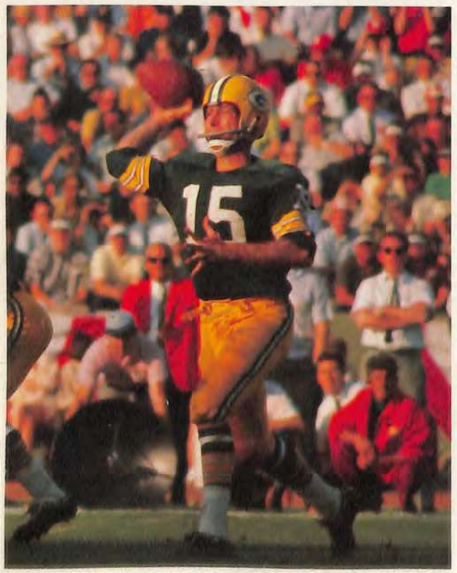
If Bart Starr had suffered the same fate as most other seventeenth-round draft choices, he says he would have become a career Air Force officer. But Starr, who not only made the NFL but the Pro Football Hall of Fame as well, *did* serve as a general for 16 years as quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. And nowhere was his leadership more evident than in the first two Super Bowls when he guided the Packers to overwhelming victories and was named the most valuable player in both games.

In Super Bowl I, when Green Bay upheld the honor of the NFL by beating the AFL champion Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the obvious hero was reserve receiver Max McGee, who caught seven passes from Starr for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

But Chiefs coach Hank Stram knew who hurt his team the most. "It was because of Starr's ability that they were able to win," Stram said. "It was almost uncanny the way he operated on their third-down plays [succeeding on 10 of 14]."

Starr completed 16 of 23 passes for 250 yards. "Bart called a perfect game," said Vince Lombardi, "but that's not new."

In Super Bowl II, Green Bay wore down the Oakland Raiders 33-14 as Starr connected on 13 of 24 for 202 yards, including a 62-yard scoring pass to Boyd Dowler in Lombardi's last game as Packers' coach.



Starr completed 62 percent of his passes in Games I and II.

Namath's actions and words spoke loudly in Super Bowl III.

Joe Namath Keeps His Promise

New York Jets coach Weeb Ewbank had two game plans for Super Bowl III at the Orange Bowl in Miami: one for the Baltimore Colts, who were 18-point favorites, and one for the media, most of whom felt that figure was conservative.

"I told our players to keep telling the press how good the Colts were," Ewbank said.

With one statement three days before the game, quarterback Joe Namath scuttled Ewbank's psychological strategy. He publicly *guaranteed* the Jets would win.

Namath backed up his words by passing for 206 yards in the Jets' 16-7 victory that earned instant credibility for the AFL.

"Namath was the best quarterback in the world today," said the Colts' Billy Ray Smith. "The man said he was going to kick the hell out of us and he plumb did."

Vince Lombardi: Winning Was His Thing

The trophy awarded to the best team in the National Football League appropriately bears the name of a man who demanded and received the best from his players. In nine seasons as coach of the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi's teams won five NFL championships, including the first two Super Bowls. His overall record, including one year as coach of the Washington Redskins, was 105-35-6, a winning percentage of .740. He was selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in January, 1971, four months after his death.

Game IV no snap for Dawson.

Dawson: Hail to This Chief

The President of the United States normally calls the winning Super Bowl team *after* the game has been played.

But for Super Bowl IV at Tulane University Stadium in New Orleans, Richard Nixon telephoned Kansas City Chiefs coach Hank Stram *before* the kickoff to wish the team well, particularly quarterback Len Dawson who had been under enormous pressure, and not only because he was about to face the Minnesota Vikings.

Earlier in the week on a nationally televised report, Dawson's name had been linked to a federal gambling investigation. Nixon assured Stram that his quarterback was innocent of any involvement.

Dawson overcame all his adversities, including a 24-hour virus, to direct the Chiefs' complex attack, which Stram labeled "the offense of the future." He completed 12 of 17 passes for 122 yards and a touchdown in the Chiefs' 23-7 victory.

Howley: Good News, Bad News

Howley won, lost in Game V.

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Chuck Howley was the only most valuable player in Super Bowl history from the *losing* team.

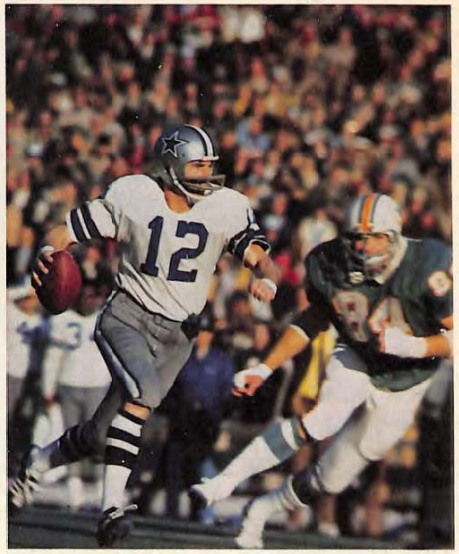
Despite his team's 16-13 loss to the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl V at the Orange Bowl, Howley was the most dominant defensive player in a hard-hitting game that had six interceptions, five lost fumbles, and a blocked extra point.

The oldest player on the Cowboys at age 34, Howley intercepted two passes (one in the end zone to halt a scoring threat) and also caused a fumble.

"I'm usually my own worst critic," Howley said, "but I don't think I made a mistake in this game."

O'Brien Boots the Cowboys

Even though the Colts' Jim O'Brien wasn't the official MVP of Super Bowl V, he was the game's biggest hero as his 32-yard field goal with five seconds remaining lifted his team past Dallas. "I had a dream last night that I won this thing with a field goal," he said before the game. "It better not be too long, though."



Roger Staubach was an artful dodger against the Dolphins.

Roger Staubach Brings Home the Wagon

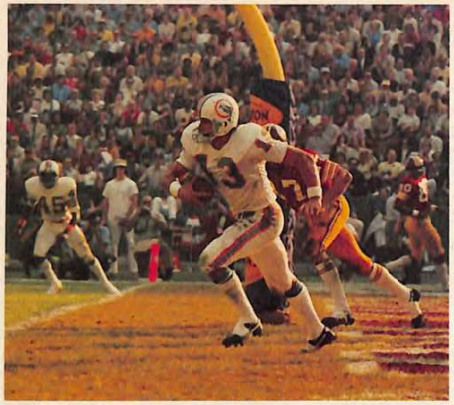
In Dallas's first Super Bowl appearance ever following the 1970 season, only two Cowboys didn't play. Roger Staubach was one of them.

A year later in Super Bowl VI, Staubach was the game's most valuable player as the Cowboys totally dominated the Miami Dolphins 24-3 at Tulane Stadium.

After returning from four years of active military duty, Staubach served as a backup to Craig Morton for two years before finally getting a chance as a starter midway through 1971. The Cowboys won 10 in a row.

The former Navy quarterback completed 12 of 19 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to their first world championship.

"I officially became a square the day after the Super Bowl," Staubach recalled. "They told me that as the most valuable player I'd won a sports car. When they asked me which model I wanted, I said, 'Would you mind if I pick out a station wagon?' I didn't have anything against a sports car, but we had three kids. We could use a station wagon."



Scott took off with game-saving interception.

Jake Scott's Calling Card

For a man who had missed the previous two weeks of practice with a separated shoulder, and who played with two hairline fractures to his wrists, Jake Scott distinguished himself conspicuously in Super Bowl VII.

Scott, the right safety in Miami's "No-Name Defense," was a doubtful starter until the Dolphins (16-0) took the field against Washington at the Los Angeles Coliseum in quest of the first perfect season in NFL history.

Scott not only started, but he played the entire game. He had two interceptions, including a critical theft midway through the fourth quarter.

With Miami leading 14-0, Washington marched 79 yards to the Dolphins' 10 when Scott stepped in front of Washington wide receiver Charley Taylor in the end zone, picked off a pass from quarterback Bill Kilmer, and returned it 55 yards to get the Dolphins out of danger.

"Lloyd Mumphord and I were covering Taylor," Scott said, "with Lloyd outside and me inside. Kilmer didn't see me cut over and the ball came to me. I stopped for just a second, thinking I would down the ball for a touchback. Then I saw a lane open up and I decided to run it out."

Miami held on for a 14-7 victory and Scott, only the second defensive player to that point to be named as Super Bowl MVP, made the No-Name Defense slightly less nameless.

The Perfect Coach

After twice finishing runner-up in the Super Bowl—with Baltimore in Game III and Miami in Game VI—Don Shula became the second coach to win back-to-back Super Bowls when his Dolphins defeated Washington in Game VII and Minnesota in Game VIII. When asked if his unbeaten Super Bowl VII champions were the best team of all time, Shula said, "It's not my job to say that, although if it was, I'd have to say yes."

Larry Csonka Leaves Vikings Flat

Csonka drew a crowd and still made yardage.

It's one thing to be run over by a truck, but it's much worse when you know when the truck is coming, where it's coming from, and that there isn't a thing in the world you can do about it.

That's just about the way the Minnesota Vikings must have felt after Miami running back Larry Csonka slammed into them for a record 145 yards rushing to lead the Dolphins to a 24-7 victory in Super Bowl VIII for their second consecutive NFL championship.

The Dolphins weren't exactly subtle on offense at Rice University Stadium in Houston. Time after time they sent Csonka crashing into the middle. Time after time he responded with big gains.

"I don't think I've ever seen a fullback play any better," said Minnesota quarterback Fran Tarkenton. "But I guess that's normal for him."

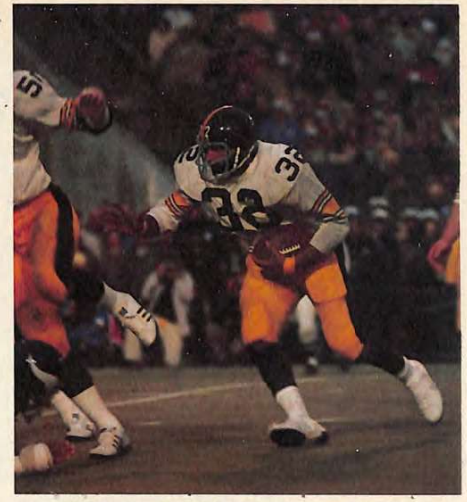
Csonka, who scored two touchdowns, carried the football a Super Bowl record 33 times and was so effective Miami quarterback Bob Griese had to pass only seven times.

"Running up the middle is like being a sneak thief," said Csonka, the game's MVP. "You're stealing yardage....The defense sees you doing it, but you're still defying them and getting away with it."

Harris Runs Steelers to First Title

It took the Pittsburgh Steelers 42 years to reach an NFL championship game, but it hardly was a coincidence that the event occurred very early in the career of Pittsburgh's powerhouse running back, Franco Harris.

In just his third season with the Steelers, Harris surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the second time. And when the Steelers met Minnesota in Super Bowl IX at Tulane Stadium, Harris was no kinder to the Vikings than Miami's Larry Csonka had been the previous year.



The spotlight fell on Franco Harris in Super Bowl IX.

Rooney Grows 73 Years Younger

Franco Harris was a deserving most valuable player in Super Bowl IX, but the real man of the hour was Art Rooney, the Steelers' 75-year-old owner. Rooney, who founded the Steelers in 1933, suffered through many long, lean years with the club and did so with class. When the Steelers finally delivered the championship Rooney longed for, he said, "I feel like I'm a two-year-old. I'm real happy." So was everyone who knew Art Rooney.

Although he had been bothered by a nasty head cold before the game, there didn't seem to be anything—especially wearing a purple jersey—that bothered Harris after the game's opening kickoff.

Harris rushed 34 times for 158 yards against the Vikings—breaking both of Csonka's one-year-old single-game Super Bowl records in the process. He was an obvious choice for the most valuable player award as the Steelers defeated the Vikings 16-6 for their first NFL title.

Few big men have been graced with Harris's speed, and few strong ones have had his finesse.

With Harris exploding through holes and running over the Vikings, Pittsburgh quarterback Terry Bradshaw didn't find a need for much subterfuge.

"When Franco's running hot," said Bradshaw, "we just give him the ball a lot."

And in Super Bowl IX, no one was hotter than Harris.

Swann's "Best" Good Enough

Against the Oakland Raiders in the AFC Championship Game, Pittsburgh wide receiver Lynn Swann was seeing stars.

Two weeks later, against Dallas in Super Bowl X, Swann *was* the star.

Swann had been tackled by Jack Tatum and knocked unconscious in the 16-10 victory against the Raiders.

"I was very fuzzy," Swann said. "I guess disoriented is a better word. I felt like my head was floating three feet above my body."

Swann was hospitalized for three days, and when he rejoined the team for practices prior to the Super Bowl in the Orange Bowl, his play was tentative.

When that news circulated into the Dallas camp, a few of the Cowboys' players vowed publicly they would intimidate Swann.

"That only motivated me," said Swann.

Swann made four dazzling receptions against the Cowboys. His final catch provided the game's knockout punch in a 21-17 victory.

With the Steelers clutching a tenuous 15-10 lead with three minutes left in the game, quarterback Terry Bradshaw foiled a Dallas blitz by getting off a pass to Swann, who was left with single coverage by cornerback Mark Washington. Swann pulled in the pass and raced 64 yards for a touchdown.

Swann's acrobatic catches earned a total of 161 yards (a Super Bowl record).

"It was the greatest game I ever played," Swann said.

Swann: an acrobatic MVP.

For Raiders' Biletnikoff, It's "Close"

When a player says "I knew I couldn't outrun them, so I just wanted to get the ball as close as possible," that usually doesn't suggest a "most valuable" performance.

That wasn't true in Fred Biletnikoff's case. Three of

Biletnikoff on the move.

the Oakland wide receiver's catches in Super Bowl XI at Pasadena's Rose Bowl set up touchdowns, as the Raiders easily defeated Minnesota 32-14.

The key receptions:

—Second quarter, five yards; taking the Raiders from third-and-3 on the 6 to first-and-goal on the 1. The ensuing touchdown made the score 10-0.

—Second quarter, 16 yards to the Vikings' 1. Biletnikoff's dive over the middle set up a 16-0 margin.

—Fourth quarter, 48 yards to the Vikings' 2. Biletnikoff was dragged down from behind and later said, "I can't run away from anybody—including the officials!"

White (left) and Martin celebrated their shared laurels.

Martin and White: Two Too Many

In the Super Bowl's early years, the "rule" seemed logical enough when it came to voting for the game's most valuable player: Look to the winning quarterback.

In Super Bowl XII, one of the keys to locating the MVP—one of the clues, at least—involved looking at the *losing* quarterback.

No, Denver's Craig Morton wasn't the man of the hour when his team was beaten handily by Dallas 27-10 in the Louisiana Superdome. But by following Morton, no one could have missed defensive end Harvey Martin and defensive tackle Randy White, the top performers of the "Doomsday II" unit that shut out the Broncos in the first half and effectively closed down Denver's attack throughout the day.

"Our game plan was rush, rush, rush," Martin said afterward.

The Cowboys' defensive plan, with Martin and White serving as its leading edge, was designed in response to Morton's impressive interception figures during the 1977 season—only eight passes picked off in 254 attempts.

In Super Bowl XII, however, constant harassment from Martin and White forced Morton to throw early and erratically. Before intermission, the Cowboys had intercepted four of his passes. The Broncos also yielded four fumbles.

There was no denying that White (6 feet 4 inches, 245 pounds, a three-year veteran from Maryland) and Martin (6-5, 252, a five-year man from East Texas State) had led a team effort; hence the first co-most valuable player recognition in Super Bowl history.

Tom Landry Evens the Score

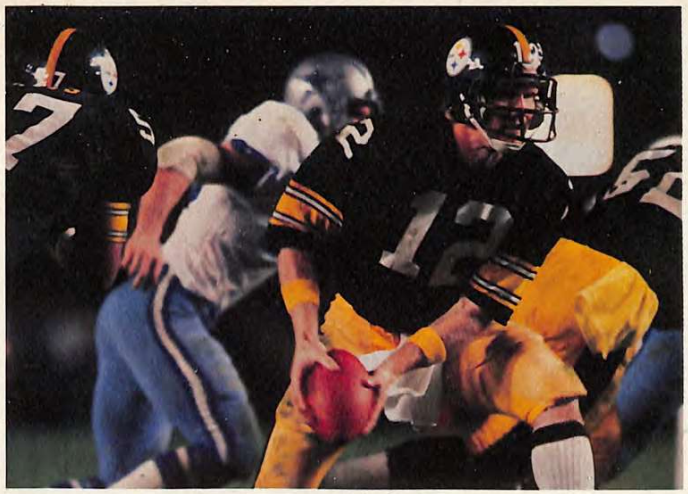
The Dallas Cowboys, a team as tidy in its offensive execution as the dapper appearance of its head coach, entered Super Bowl XII with a string of 12 consecutive winning seasons.

Still, one statistic nagged: a 1-2 record in Super Bowl games for Tom Landry, the only head coach in the team's history.

He chose a well-executed halfback pass for Dallas's last touchdown.

But Landry's hole card, his key to 2-2 in the Super Bowl, was simple power. "The number-one thing in our game plan was to pressure (Denver quarterback Craig) Morton," he said.

Martin hammered backup QB Norris Weese, who fumbled.



Bradshaw's sure-handed leadership carried Steelers in Game XIII.

Bradshaw: Steel Arm and Steely Will

Terry Bradshaw was no stranger to the stresses and excesses of the Super Bowl. Going into Super Bowl XIII against Dallas in Miami's Orange Bowl, the Steelers' quarterback had two previous Super Bowl victories under his belt and had just enjoyed the best season of his career (completing 207 of 368 passes, 56.3 percent, for 2,915 yards and a league-high 28 touchdowns).

The game, the first rematch in Super Bowl history, was billed as a shootout and Bradshaw showed up with guns blazing and plenty of ammunition in the form of receivers Lynn Swann and John Stallworth and running backs Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier. He needed everything he had to face the Cowboys' Doomsday II defense, which pressured him heavily throughout the game, even forcing him to the sideline with a slightly separated shoulder for a brief period in the first half. But Bradshaw proved the temper of his arm and his determination. He came back to lead the Steelers over the Cowboys 35-31, throwing for four touchdowns and 318 yards overall—both single game records—and was named the most valuable player of Pittsburgh's unprecedented third Super Bowl victory.

Bradshaw's performance left Dallas safety Cliff Harris shaking his head in wonder. "That Bradshaw," he said later, "throws the ball twenty yards downfield like I throw a dart fifteen feet."

Harris's words were echoed the next season in Pasadena, California, after Super Bowl XIV by Los Angeles Rams cornerback Rod Perry, who was beaten by a third-quarter bomb from Bradshaw to Stallworth, the first of two such passes in the second half. "Bradshaw put enough arc on the pass to get it just over my hand," said Perry. "He throws it fifty yards falling down. He's something."

The Rams had struggled hard to earn the right to play Bradshaw and the repeating AFC champion Steelers. But when the exciting, seesaw game was over, the Steelers had won 31-19.

Bradshaw again was the difference—and the most valuable player.

Bradshaw outdid himself in the 1979 regular season prior to Super Bowl XIV, establishing club records for pass attempts (472) and completions (259). He remained red hot in the Super Bowl, completing 14 of 21 passes (66.7 percent) for 309 yards and two touchdowns. Those statistics, by themselves or in combination with Bradshaw's numbers from his three previous Super Bowl appearances, give him six Super Bowl records: most yards gained, career (932); most yards gained, game (318); highest average gain, career (11.10 yards per pass); highest average gain, game (14.71); most touchdown passes, career (9); and most touchdown passes, game (4).

The Man Behind the Steel Curtain

Shortly after winning his third Super Bowl, Pittsburgh head coach Chuck Noll said, "We regard the Vince Lombardi Trophy [for Game XIII] as an antique." Following his return to win a monumental fourth Super Bowl the next season, Noll must qualify as an antique dealer. He also qualifies as an architect of victory. Hired by the Steelers in 1969, he weathered a 1-13 initial season, then went on to build the Steelers into the unequivocal team of the decade for the 1970s.

Plunkett showed he still had mileage left.

Jim Plunkett: A Recycled Champion

Shifts of fortune are commonplace in the current of sport. A riptide is something else.

Jim Plunkett, once the toast of America's quarterbacks as the 1970 Heisman Trophy winner at Stanford, and the first player chosen in the 1971 draft, came to the Oakland Raiders in 1978, a free agent washed from one side of San Francisco Bay to the other, following an up-and-down five-year term with New England and two injury-plagued years with the San Francisco 49ers.

By the end of the 1980 season, Plunkett had led the Raiders to an 11-5 record and an AFC championship, the first time a wild card entry had reached the NFL title game.

Plunkett's performance in the Raiders' 27-10 victory over Philadelphia in Game XV in the Louisiana Superdome (13 for 21, 261 yards, three touchdowns) was statistically adequate, of course, but his emotional value to the Raiders was what mattered most to his teammates and coaches.

Raiders wide receiver Cliff Branch, who caught Plunkett's third touchdown pass, a 29-yarder that put Oakland ahead 21-3 in the third quarter, said, "Plunkett is the most efficient quarterback I've ever played with. They said Jim didn't have it anymore, but all he needed was good people around him. We gave 'em to him."

Montana: Mr. Cool in the Clutch

The bus was late. Joe Montana and his San Francisco 49ers teammates, stranded in the locked-up traffic of Pontiac, Michigan, could see the Super Bowl site. But they couldn't reach it.

So Montana reached for his tape of Kenny Loggins singing "This Is It," stuck it in a cassette player, and turned up the volume.

Montana played it loose all the way in XVI.

Loose and mobile even in the most pressurized of situations, Montana kept his cool inside the bus, later inside the Silverdome, and throughout Super Bowl XVI, leading the 49ers to their first NFL championship, a 26-21 victory over Cincinnati.

In Super Bowl XVI, he scored on a one-yard sneak and later connected on an 11-yard touchdown pass to Earl Cooper as the 49ers used time-consuming drives.

Even before the opening kickoff, Montana had struck the theme of the day: control.

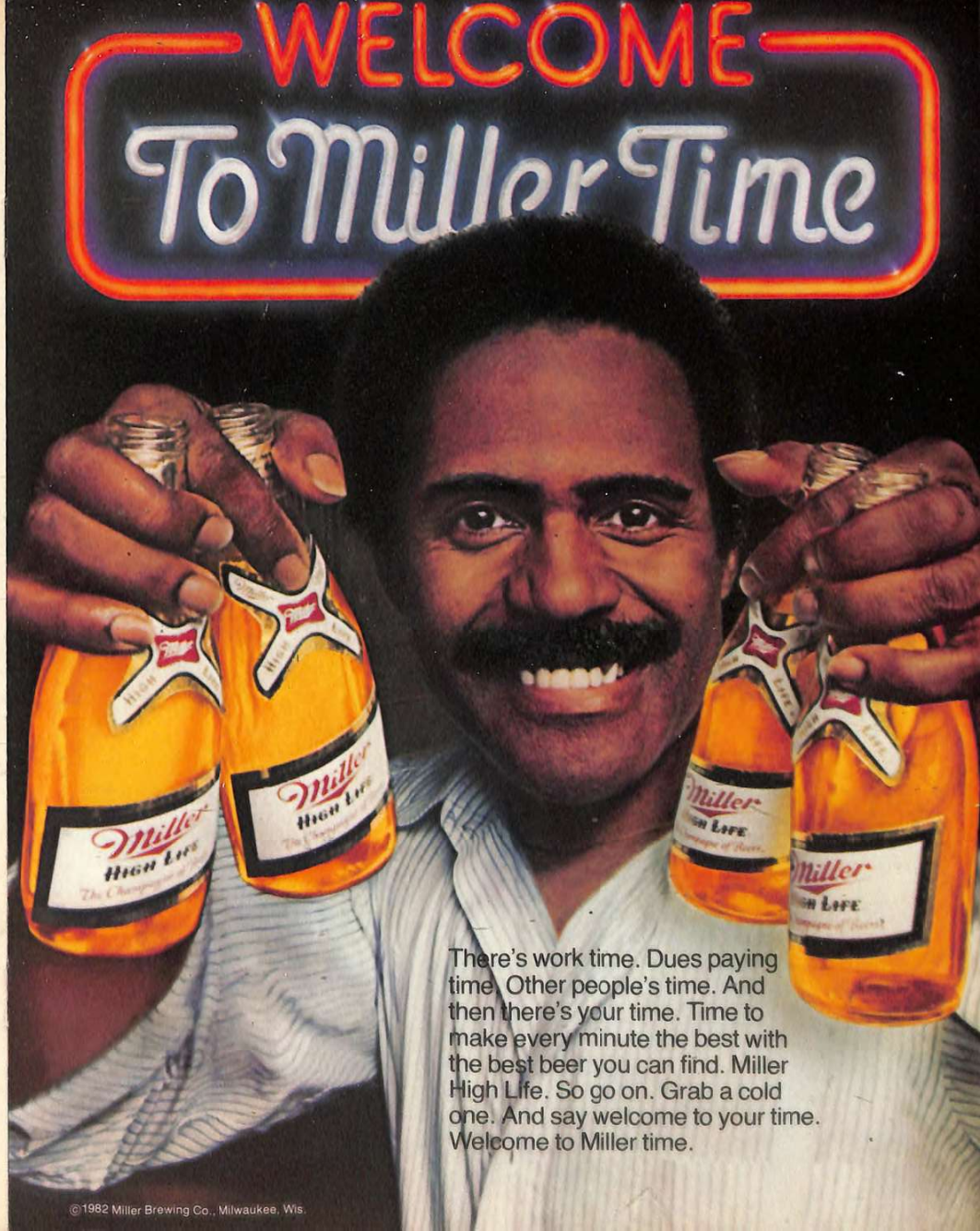
Flores and Walsh: California Gold

If the winning coach in Super Bowl XVII turns out to be a native Californian with a virtual Ph.D in passing offense, who would take a second look?

After the performances orchestrated by Oakland's Tom Flores and San Francisco's Bill Walsh in Games XV and XVI, the Golden State appeared to be reopening its Mother Lode.

Flores grew up near Fresno, played quarterback for College of Pacific in Stockton, and came to the Raiders' head coaching post via a playing career in the AFL and an assistant's role with the Raiders that lasted from 1972 until 1978, when he was named Oakland's coach.

Walsh grew up in Hayward, just south of Oakland. He attended San Jose State and played end under passing master Bob Bronzan. His coaching career began with an assistant's job at California in 1960 and included assistant's positions with Cincinnati and San Diego of the NFL, as well as the head coaching job at Stanford from 1977-78. After leading the Cardinals to two bowl games, he joined the 49ers as head coach in 1979.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